

PROCEEDINGS SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Atlanta, Georgia
June 15-16, 1999

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 15

1. Inspirational music was presented by the Revival Choir and Sunday Celebration Orchestra of First Baptist Church, Snellville, Georgia. Rick Forbus (GA) directed.
2. Congregational praise and worship was led by Rick Forbus, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Snellville, Georgia.
3. Morris H. Chapman (TN), president and chief executive officer of the Executive Committee, presented the Broadus gavel to President Paige Patterson (NC). Patterson called to order the one hundred forty second session of the Southern Baptist Convention in the one hundred fifty fourth year of its history at 8:23 a.m. in the Georgia Dome, Atlanta, Georgia. Patterson introduced the parliamentarians.

PARLIAMENTARIANS: C. Barry McCarty (Ohio), **Chief Parliamentarian:** Jimmy E. Jackson (Alabama), Joseph T. Knott, III (North Carolina), Fred Powell (Missouri), John Sullivan (Florida)

4. Lee Porter (GA), registration secretary, reported as of 8:15 a.m., June 15, 1999, 8,126 messengers had been certified by churches to the Convention. He stated in compliance with Bylaw 8 of the Southern Baptist Convention, registration opened on Sunday afternoon, June 13, to enroll messengers who presented proper credentials from churches which are in friendly cooperation with this Convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work, and have during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the Convention's work. Porter moved that these messengers constitute the Convention and that other duly certified messengers from churches in cooperation with the Convention who arrive later be recognized as members of the Convention when they have enrolled on the basis of membership set forth in Article III of the Constitution. The motion carried.
5. Jerry Fortune (TX), pastor, Mother Holmes Baptist Church, Sheffield, led in prayer.
6. Ken Whitten (FL), chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, moved the adoption of the order of business. The motion carried.

Theme: *His Tears – Our Task!*

Scripture: Luke 19:41

"... He beheld the city and wept ..."

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- 8:00 Inspirational Music – Revival Choir and Sunday Celebration Orchestra, First Baptist Church, Snellville, GA. Rick Forbus, *director*
- 8:15 Congregational Praise and Worship – Rick Forbus, *minister of music*, First Baptist Church, Snellville, GA
- 8:20 Call to Order – Paige Patterson, *president*, Southern Baptist Convention, *president*, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC
Registration Report and Constitution of the Convention – Lee Potter, *SBC registration secretary, retired*, Lawrenceville, GA

- 8:30 Prayer – Jerry Fortune, *pastor*, Mother Holmes Baptist Church, Sheffield, TX
- 8:35 Committee on Order of Business (First Report) – Ken Whitten, *chairman, pastor*, Idlewild Baptist Church, Tampa, FL
- 8:40 Welcome – Truett Cathey, *chief executive officer and founder*, Chick-fil-A, Atlanta, GA
- 8:45 Response – J. Robert White, *executive director*, Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia, Atlanta, GA
- 8:50 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Credentials, Resolutions, and Tellers
- 9:00 Theme Interpretation: *He beheld the city and wept* (Overview) – Duane and Iris Blue, *mission service corps volunteers*, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA
- 9:15 Local Arrangements Committee Presentation – John R. (Jack) Wilkerson, *vice president for business and finance*, Executive Committee, Nashville, TN
- 9:20 Crossover Atlanta Report – Robert E. (Bob) Reccord, *president*, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA
- 9:25 Introduction of Motions and Resolutions (All Resolutions Must Be Presented Before Today's Afternoon Session – This Year 1:00 PM)
- 9:45 Committee on Nominations Report – Rex M. Terry, *chairman, attorney*, Fort Smith, AR
- 9:55 Executive Committee Report (Part 1) – Morris H. Chapman, *president and chief executive officer*, Nashville, TN
- 10:45 Congregational Praise and Worship – David Nelson, *chapel worship leader, instructor of theology*, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC
- 10:50 Worship in Music – Faithful Men, Singing Group of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC
- 10:55 President's Address – Paige Patterson, *president*, Southern Baptist Convention, *president*, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC
- 11:35 Benediction – Charles S. Kelley, Sr., *retired*, Kelley-Hixson Funeral Home, Beaumont, TX

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 15

- 1:00 Inspirational Music – Chris Machen, *concert artist, songwriter*, Prestonwood Baptist Church, Dallas, TX
- 1:10 Prayer – Otis Ingram, *president*, Ingram & LeGrand Lumber Co., Macon, GA
- 1:15 Business – Committee on Order of Business (Second Report) – Ken Whitten
Introduction of Motions, Reporting Proposed Resolutions
- 1:30 Executive Committee Report (Part 2) – Morris H. Chapman
- 2:10 Election of Officers (First)

- 2:25 LifeWay Christian Resources Report – James T. (Jimmy) Draper, Jr., *president*, Nashville, TN
- 2:35 LifeWay Christian Resources Presentation
- 3:10 YouthLink 2000 Presentation – Richard Ross, *co-chairman, youth ministry consultant*, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, TN, and Dean Finley, *co-chairman, associate director*, Student Evangelism Team, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA
- 3:15 Congregational Praise and Worship – Jeff Blevins, *minister of music and worship*, Applewood Baptist Church, Wheatridge, CO
- 3:20 Seminary Report – Kenneth S. Hemphill, *chairman*, Council of Seminary Presidents
- 3:30 Seminary Presentations
- R. Albert Mohler, Jr. – *president*, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY
- Kenneth S. Hemphill – *president*, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX
- William O. (Bill) Crews – *president*, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, CA
- Charles S. (Chuck) Kelley, Jr. – *president*, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA
- Paige Patterson – *president*, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC
- Mark T. Coppenger – *president*, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO
- 4:20 Election of Officers (Second)
- 4:35 Introduction of New Motions (Last Opportunity); Reporting Proposed Resolutions
- 5:00 Benediction – Jeffery Singletary, *campus pastor*, Idlewild Baptist Church – Central Campus, Tampa, FL

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 15

- 6:45 Concert of Praise – Riverside Mass Choir & Orchestra, Riverside Baptist Church and satellite congregations, Denver, CO, Joel Allen, *director*
- 7:00 Congregational Praise and Worship – Joel Allen, *minister of music and worship*, Riverside Baptist Church, Denver, CO
- 7:05 Prayer – Dean Nichols, *pastor*, First Baptist Church, Kenai, AK
- 7:10 Election of Officers (Third)
- 7:20 Theme Interpretation: *He beheld the city and wept (City)* – Charles Lyons, *pastor*, Armitage Baptist Church, Chicago, IL
- 7:35 Business – Committee on Order of Business (Third Report) – Ken Whitten
- 7:45 Previously Scheduled Business, Reporting Proposed Resolutions

- 8:10 Congregational Praise and Worship – Joel Allen
- 8:15 North American Mission Board Report – Robert E. (Bob) Reccord, *president*, Alpharetta, GA
- 8:25 North American Mission Board Presentation
- 9:15 Benediction – John Kuespert, *director of missions*, New England Baptist Association, Northboro, MA

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 16

- 8:00 Concert of Praise – Choir & Orchestra, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA. Mark Cottingham, *director*
- 8:10 Congregational Praise and Worship – Stephen Allen, *minister of music*, First Southern Baptist Church, Pueblo, CO
- 8:15 Prayer – Shannon Scott, *pastor*, Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC
- 8:20 Theme Interpretation: *He beheld the city and wept* (Students) – Jay Strack, *president*, The Jay Strack Evangelistic Association and Millennium Chorus, Inc., Orlando, FL
- 8:35 Woman's Missionary Union Report – Dellanna W. O'Brien, *executive director-treasurer*, Birmingham, AL
- 8:45 Election of Officers (Fourth)
- 8:55 Business – Committee on Order of Business (Fourth Report) – Ken Whitten
- 9:15 Previously Scheduled Business
- 9:45 Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission Report – Richard D. Land, *president*, Nashville, TN
- 10:05 Committee on Resolutions (First Report)
- 10:35 Messenger Information Survey – John L. Yeats, *SBC recording secretary, editor*, Baptist Messenger, Oklahoma City, OK
- 10:40 Evangelizing International Cities – Nilson Fanini, *president*, Baptist World Alliance, McLean, VA
- 10:55 Election of Officers (Fifth)
- 11:05 Committee on Committees Report
- 11:15 Annuity Board Report – O.S. Hawkins, *president and chief executive officer*, Dallas, TX
- 11:30 Congregational Praise and Worship – Joe Carroll, *minister to senior adults*, Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, TX
- 11:40 Convention Message – Ralph Smith, *pastor emeritus*, Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, TX
- 12:15 Benediction – Jerry Falwell, *chancellor*, Liberty University, *senior pastor*, Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, VA

NO WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION
WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 16

- 6:00 Concert of Praise – Celebration Choir & Orchestra, First Baptist Church, Woodstock, GA, Scott C. White, *director*
- 6:10 Prayer – Lloyd Carrera, *deaf congregation*, First Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA
- 6:15 Business – Committee on Order of Business (Fifth Report) – Ken Whitten
Election of 2000 Convention Sermon Preacher, Alternate, Music Director
- 6:25 Testimony – Reggie White, *minister, Future National Football League Hall of Famer*, Knoxville, TN
- 6:40 Previously Scheduled Business
- 6:55 Theme Interpretation: *He beheld the city and wept (Home)* – Dennis Rainey, *executive director, FamilyLife*, Little Rock, AR
- 7:10 Committee on Resolutions (Final Report)
- 7:40 Recognition of Former SBC Presidents – Paige Patterson
- 7:50 Presentation of Outgoing Officers – Morris H. Chapman
- 7:55 Presentation of New Officers – Morris H. Chapman
- 8:00 Concert of Praise – Celebration Choir & Orchestra, First Baptist Church, Woodstock, GA, Scott C. White, *director*
- 8:10 International Mission Board Report – Jerry A. Rankin, *president*, Richmond, VA
- 8:20 International Mission Board Presentation
- 9:10 Benediction – Junior Hill, *evangelist*, Hartselle, AL
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7. Chairman Whitten moved that debate on all questions during the sessions be limited to three minutes per speaker. Motion carried.
8. Truett Cathey (GA), chief executive officer and founder of Chuck-fil-A, Atlanta, welcomed the messengers. Cathey encouraged Convention messengers to model their commitment to Christ, especially to the young.
9. J. Robert White (GA), executive director of the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia, Atlanta, responded to the welcome on behalf of the messengers. He challenged messengers to help Georgia Baptists feed the hungry of Atlanta by bringing canned goods to the sessions and placing them in the gathering receptacles. He proclaimed June 14, 1999, as "Arms Around Atlanta Day"
10. President Paige Patterson announced the following committees: Committee on Committees, Credentials Committee, Resolutions Committee, and Tellers Committee.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: Tommy C. French (Louisiana), **CHAIRMAN**
 Barry Holcomb (Alabama), Jackie Shelton (Alabama), Gregory L. Clark (Alaska), Cheryl
 G. Thompson (Alaska), Bret D. Burnett (Arizona), Karen R. Coe (Arizona), Jim Lagrone
 (Arkansas), Wanda Miller (Arkansas), James Freeman (California), Misty Turco (California),
 Thomas G. Devenish (Colorado), Chad Fletcher (Colorado), Papu Sandhu (District of
 Columbia), Matt Schmucker (District of Columbia), Tim Patterson (Florida), Jim Tatum
 (Florida), Joe Allen (Georgia), Doug Shaddix (Georgia), Rick Lazor (Hawaii), Craig Webb
 (Hawaii), David Schlag (Illinois), Ken Wilson (Illinois), Michael Cramer (Indiana), Woody
 Cumbie (Indiana), Pete Dominguez (Kansas-Nebraska), Francis LaRocque (Kansas-
 Nebraska), Charlie Jones (Kentucky), Jack Timothy Mathis (Kentucky), Charles Harper
 (Louisiana), Barry Devine (Maryland-Delaware), Pamela Lilly (Maryland-Delaware), Bob
 Beddingfield (Michigan), Michael Elsey (Michigan), Glenn Miles (Mississippi), David
 Shofner (Mississippi), Jim Cogdill (Missouri), Marianne Peyton (Missouri), Rene Houle
 (Nevada), Dennis Kim (Nevada), Bill Hedgpeth (New England), Michael J. Hoffman (New
 England), Robert Brown (New Mexico), Larry Miller (New Mexico), Jim Goforth (New
 York), Florence Hui (New York), Steve Choplin (North Carolina), Rick Cockerham (North
 Carolina), Shirley Seim (Northwest), Mike Yokoy (Northwest), Ron Coppock (Ohio), Roger
 Williams (Ohio), Greg Kenan (Oklahoma), Robbie Roberson (Oklahoma), Mark Dooley
 (Pennsylvania-South Jersey), Henry Nash (Pennsylvania-South Jersey), Daniel E. Johnston
 (South Carolina), Sandy Phillips (South Carolina), Stan May (Tennessee), Jon K. Walker
 (Tennessee), Brian Waite (Texas), Michael Wright (Texas), Tina Casey (Utah-Idaho), Jeanette
 Stoneman (Utah-Idaho), Ray Prince (Virginia), Ashton C. Smith (Virginia), Brenda Jicka
 (West Virginia), Allen L. Shouse (West Virginia), Bill Greaham (Wyoming), Clyde Thompson
 (Wyoming)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Mike A. Tignor (Texas), **CHAIRMAN**
 Claudette Blanton (Alabama), Bill Blanchard (Arkansas), Rick Morrow (Arkansas), E. W.
 McCall (California), Michael Catt (Georgia), Ted Cocian (Georgia), John K. Crooks
 (Georgia), J. Mike Minnix (Georgia), Pat Bullock (Kansas), Rick Hatley (Kentucky), Ken
 Cavey (Maryland), H. G. Keefer (Maryland), Michael L. Trammell (Maryland), Wayne
 Howard Parker (Michigan), Kent Cochran (Missouri), Bill Dudley (Missouri), Charles E.
 Boswell (New Mexico), Samuel Simpson (New York), Ronnie Yarber (Texas), William
 Astin (Virginia), John Compton (Virginia), Robin Hadaway (Virginia), Terry L. Harper
 (Virginia), Brad Reynolds (Virginia)

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Al Jackson (Alabama), **CHAIRMAN**
 Gerald Harris (Georgia), Paul Kaneshiro (Hawaii), Pat Pajak (Illinois), Tim Boyd (Kansas),
 Ralph Justice (North Carolina), Greg DeMarco (New Mexico), Robbie Patray (Tennessee),
 John Mark Caton (Texas), Howell Burkhead (Texas)

TELLERS COMMITTEE: Robert L. Baker (Virginia), **CHAIRMAN**
 Teman W. Knight III (Alabama), Simon Tsoi (Arizona), Khalil Hanna (California), Herb
 Reavis, Jr. (Florida), Orville Clark (Georgia), Randy Kennedy (Georgia), Thang M. Nguyen
 (Georgia), Bill Patterson (Kentucky), Stanley Miller (Louisiana), Billy Pierce (Louisiana),
 Bob Lilly (Maryland), Terry Cutrer (Mississippi), Joseph Lennon (North Carolina), Charles
 Peterson (North Carolina), Gerald Fortunato (Pennsylvania), Bud Winstead (Pennsylvania),
 Ledtkey McIntosh (Oklahoma), James M. Robinson (Oklahoma), Danny Hedgpeth (South
 Carolina), Rob Grimm (South Dakota), Donald Owens (Tennessee), Yutaka Takarada
 (Texas), D. Michael Toby (Texas)

11. A theme interpretation entitled "*He beheld the city and wept*" was given by Duane and Iris Blue (TX), mission service corps volunteers, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, Georgia.
12. John R. (Jack) Wilkerson (TN), convention manager and vice president for business and finance, Executive Committee, Nashville, recognized the work of Jim Law (GA) and the Local Arrangements Committee. He thanked the city of Atlanta for hosting the Convention.
13. John Yarbrough (GA), vice president of Evangelization, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, reported on the Crossover Atlanta project. He reported as of 8:50 a.m., on June 15, 1999, that 1,941 persons prayed to receive Christ. Witnessing and follow-up continued during the Convention.
14. President Paige Patterson announced the time for introduction of motions and resolutions, noting that motions would be referred to the Committee on Order of Business to be scheduled for later consideration and that resolutions would be referred to the Resolutions Committee. All resolutions must be presented before the afternoon session on Tuesday.
15. Scott Hamilton Rogers (FL) presented a motion: **On Requiring All Seminaries to Provide Sign Interpreters for Deaf Students.**

"I move that all six Southern Baptist seminaries will now be required to fund qualified professional sign language interpreters for all deaf students." (Items 15 and 52)

16. Everett Anthony (GA) presented a motion: **On Requesting Expansion of Efforts to Help Stagnant Churches Regain Vitality.**

"I move that in addition to their great church starting efforts, the North American Mission Board be instructed to accelerate and expand their efforts in leading churches in a plateau or declining mode into a healthy, growing, and missionary mode." (Items 16 and 52)

17. David B. Roberts (NY) presented a motion. **On Using Technology to Conduct Meetings.**

"I move that the boards, agencies, and committees of the SBC begin utilizing existing technology such as video conferencing and the internet to save money on travel costs, motel rooms, rental cars, and conferences and to reduce the amount of time those involved would be away from their families and churches." (Items 17 and 52)

18. T. C. Pinckney (VA) presented a motion: **On Requesting Committee Review of the Baptist Faith and Message.**

"I move that in your capacity as Southern Baptist Convention chairman, you appoint a blue ribbon committee to review the *Baptist Faith and Message* statement with the responsibility to report and bring any recommendations to this meeting next June in Orlando." (Items 18, 52, 108-113, and 127)

19. Wiley Drake (CA) presented a motion: **On Protesting President Clinton's Gay Pride Month Proclamation.**

"I move that the Southern Baptist Convention meeting June 15-16, 1999, in Atlanta, Georgia, ask our newly elected president to communicate to President Bill Clinton our strongest disapproval of his Presidential Proclamation encouraging the sinful practice of homosexuality, and request that the President rescind this proclamation." (Items 19, 52, and 175)

20. Jerry M. Henry (AL) presented a motion: **On Providing Braille and Large Print Lesson Material.**

"I move that LifeWay Christian Resources be charged with providing age-appropriate Sunday School and Discipleship Training materials in both Braille and large print for all ages." (Items 20 and 52)

21. Joe Mack (SC) presented a motion: **On Requesting that a Committee Seek Ways to Make the Annuity Board More Effective.**

"I move that in response to the vision Dr. Hawkins shared in the Pastor's Conference yesterday, that during this Convention meeting, the Convention direct the president of the Southern Baptist Convention to appoint a committee to study and recommend to the Southern Baptist Convention at its next annual meeting how the Annuity Board might more effectively serve Southern Baptists." (Items 21 and 52)

22. Michael T. Walshe (TX) presented a motion: **On Requesting More SBC Gospel Presentations on Television.**

"I move that the Southern Baptist Convention consider putting more Christian Gospel presentations on public television." (Items 22 and 52)

23. Melody Fain (AL) presented a motion: **On Requesting a Lunch/Conference for Teenagers and College Students of Ministers During the Annual Meeting.**

"I move that the Executive Committee look into providing a luncheon/conference for teenagers and college students of ministers at the Southern Baptist Convention." (Items 23 and 52)

24. Blaine Barber (MI) presented a motion: **On Taking a Straw Poll for Preference of "International Baptist Convention" as New Name for SBC.**

"I move that the Southern Baptist Convention schedule a time during this Convention in Atlanta for the messengers to consider changing the name of the Southern Baptist Convention to the 'International Baptist Convention' and to vote on it by ballot for the purpose of a straw poll. It is understood that the results of the vote shall not bind the Convention or the Executive Committee in any way but only serve as guidance for further study." (Items 24, 52, 115-121)

25. Wiley Drake (CA) presented a motion: **On Protesting the American Psychological Association Report Regarding Adult Sex With "Willing" Children.**

"I move that the newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, June 15-16, 1999, send a letter to the American Psychological Association, conveying the total denouncement of the report 'A Meta-Analytic Examination of Assumed Properties of Child Sexual Abuse Using College Samples' that has said that sexual relationships between adults and 'willing' children are less harmful than believed and might even be positive for 'willing' children." (Items 25, 52 and 175)

26. Jerry Moser (LA) presented a motion: **On Limiting Use of Cooperative Program Funds to Avoid Compromise of Historic SBC Distinctives.**

"I move that the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention be commissioned, according to the Bylaws of the Convention, to study and make recommendations regarding the use of Cooperative Program funds or assets as pertains to any SBC supported employee's, entity's, or agency's cooperative involvements with organizations which include participating individuals, groups, denominations, or conventions whose professed beliefs are in conflict with or could risk the possible compromise of the historic distinctives or the unique witness of Southern Baptists to the world," particularly as expressed in Resolution #13, 'ON SOUTHERN BAPTISTS AND ECUMENISM,' from the 1996 Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana." (Items 26 and 52)

27. Wiley Drake (CA) presented a motion: **On Requesting Study of Whether 501c(3) Exemption Impinges Doctrine of Separation of Church and State.**

"I move that the newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, June 15-16, 1999, instruct the Executive Committee to appoint a study group to determine the biblical compatibility of a state approved 501c(3) corporation, as it relates to the separation of church and state, our Southern Baptist Convention, and the autonomy of the local Southern Baptist church, and to bring a report to the June 13-14, 2000, Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Orlando, Florida." (Items 27 and 52)

28. Richard Boswell (TX) presented a motion: **On Requesting Financial Assistance to Small Churches to Undergird FAITH Training.**

"I move that the Southern Baptist Convention facilitate training to the small churches and their bi-vocational pastors in the 'Faith Training Program' and provide the financial assistance for these churches and its bi-vocational pastors." (Items 28 and 52)

29. Tommy Dye (TN) presented a motion: **On Requesting Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Discipline President Bill Clinton and Placing Church Under Watchcare.**

"I move that we request the Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, of which Bill Clinton is a member, to bring disciplinary action against him and that the church be put under watchcare for one year to carry out this discipline. If discipline is not carried out, the SBC will withdraw fellowship from the Immanuel Baptist Church at the SBC annual meeting next year." (Items 29 and 52)

30. Joel Allen (CO) led congregational singing and shared his testimony.

31. Rex M. Terry (AR), chairman, Committee on Nominations, moved the adoption of the Committee on Nominations Report and the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS 1998-1999

Rex M. Terry, Chairman

Members Rotating	Status	Nominees to be Elected
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		
State Representation		
Term Expiring 2000		
James R. Futral, MS Broadmoor, Jackson	R	Jim G. Butler, MS Trinity, Southaven
Term Expiring 2001		
* Robert L. Wilson, OK First, Marlow	R	* Jim Daniel, OK First Southern, Del City
Term Expiring 2002		
Walter E. Davidson, AK Faith, Anchorage	R	Alan Dean Nichols, AK First, Kena
Term Expiring 2003		
Herb T. Thomas, AL Circlewood, Tuscaloosa	E	Herb T. Thomas, AL Circlewood, Tuscaloosa
Bruce G. Coe, AZ First, Chandler	E	Bruce G. Coe, AZ First, Chandler
* Rex M. Terry, AR First, Fort Smith	I	John R. Taylor, AR Grand Avenue, Fort Smith
* T. James Williams, CA Trinity Southern, Fresno	E	* T. James Williams, CA Trinity Southern, Fresno
* Don W. Buckley, FL Olive, Pensacola	E	* Don W. Buckley, FL Olive, Pensacola
James G. Merritt, GA First, Snellville	I	Lee Mabry, GA Fortified Hills, Smyrna
Paul K. Kaneshiro, HI Pukalani, Pukalani	I	Richard G. (Rick) Lazor, HI Nu'uuanu, Honolulu
Steven D. Boyd, KY Simpsonville, Simpsonville	E	Steven D. Boyd, KY Simpsonville, Simpsonville
* Nathan R. Luce, LA Broussard Grove, Prairieville	E	* Nathan R. Luce, LA Broussard Grove, Prairieville
* Harold L. Finch, MO First, Raytown	DS	* Roger A. Moran, MO First, O'Fallon
Harry W. Pittam, NM First, Lovington	E	Harry W. Pittam, NM First, Lovington
Steven O. Walsh, NC Southside, Greensboro	I	Conley J. Bordeaux, NC West Monroe, Monroe
Joe W. Howard, OK Southern Hills, Oklahoma City	E	Joe W. Howard, OK Southern Hills, Oklahoma City
Ted Kersh, OK Village, Oklahoma City	E	Ted Kersh, OK Village, Oklahoma City
* Nancy W. McGuigan, PA-SJ Thorndale, Coatesville, PA	E	* Nancy W. McGuigan, PA-SJ Thorndale, Coatesville, PA
Jack J. Rinks, SC Varenes Heights, Anderson	I	Donald W. Tillman, SC Putnam, Buffalo
Hollie Miller, TN Bethlehem, Roebuck	I	Thomas R. James, TN Alpha, Morristown
* Roy T. Sparkman, TX First, Wichita Falls	E	* Roy T. Sparkman, TX First, Wichita Falls
Forrest E. Lowry III, TX Spring, Spring	I	Jack N. Graham, TX Prestonwood, Dallas

ANNUITY BOARD
State Representation
Term Expiring 2000

* Virgil V. Ayers, LA
 Trinity, Pineville

D

* David Alan Galloway, LA
 Rapides, Alexandria

Term Expiring 2003

John R. West, AL
 Lakeview, Auburn

E

John R. West, AL
 Lakeview, Auburn

* E. Joe May, AZ

I

Nathan H. Pillow, AZ
 First, Fountain Hills

Mountain View, Tucson
 Solomon D. Whitten III, FL
 Hicks Road, Hudson
 Stephen A. Fields, IN
 Victory, Clinton

E

Solomon D. Whitten III, FL
 Hicks Road, Hudson
 Stephen A. Fields, IN
 Victory, Clinton

* R. Roy Rogers, KS-NE

I

* Rick A. Shepard, KS-NE

First Southern, Great Bend, KS
 Ray A. Werline, KY
 Cuba, Mayfield

E

Lenexa, Lenexa, KS
 Ray A. Werline, KY
 Cuba, Mayfield

* William H. (Bill) Ledbetter, LA

E

* William H. (Bill) Ledbetter, LA

First, Bossier City

I

First, Bossier City

* T. Jack Colvin, MS

First, Jackson

E

William T. (Dale) Patterson, MS
 First, Jackson

Robert N. Hammons, OK

E

Robert N. Hammons, OK

First, Seminole

* Joseph A. Mack, SC

I

Wayne D. Dickard, SC

Shandon, Columbia

E

Jackson, Wellford

Earl E. (Gene) Hawkins, TX

First, Lubbeck

E

Earl E. (Gene) Hawkins, TX

* Charles B. (Chuck) Brinkman, VA

Westwood Hill, Virginia Beach

* Charles B. (Chuck) Brinkman, VA

Westwood Hill, Virginia Beach

Local Representation
Term Expiring 1999

* Christene Y. Walker

I

NOT TO BE REPLACED

Singing Hills, Dallas, TX

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

State Representation
Term Expiring 2001

Charles T. Gresham, KY
 Temple, Central City

R

Timothy J. Alexander, KY
 Florence, Florence

Term Expiring 2003

* Samuel Gene Dykes, AL
 First Center Point, Birmingham

E

* Samuel Gene Dykes, AL
 First Center Point, Birmingham

* Carol D. Gilbreath, AL
 Ridgecrest, Montgomery

I

* Laurelle M. Stoudenmire, AL
 Thomasville, Thomasville

Robert E. Jones, AK

E

Robert E. Jones, AK

Hillside, Anchorage

Stephen P. Davis, AR

E

Hillside, Anchorage

First, Russellville

Wallace Edgar, AR

I

Stephen P. Davis, AR

Trinity, Texarkana

Thomas A. Wolf, CA

E

First, Russellville

Mosaic, Los Angeles

Hubert G. Keefer Jr., DC

F

Thomas E. Hatley, AR

Hillcrest, Hillcrest Heights, MD

Clytee Harness, FL

E

Immanuel, Rogers

First, Efters

James Austin, GA

I

Thomas A. Wolf, CA

Blackshear Place, Oakwood

Mark A. Baker, GA

E

Mosaic, Los Angeles

Central, Americus

Hubert G. Keefer Jr., DC

Hillcrest, Hillcrest Heights, MD

Clytee Harness, FL

First, Efters

* Robert L. Brugh, GA

Prince Avenue, Athens

Mark A. Baker, GA

Central, Americus

James T. Garland, KY Bellview, Paducah	I	William D. (Bill) Patterson, KY First, Henderson
* Patricia Ann Badon, LA Parkside, Baton Rouge	E	* Patricia Ann Badon, LA Parkside, Baton Rouge
Allen R. Carter, MD-DE Calvary, Bel Air, MD	E	Allen R. Carter, MD-DE Calvary, Bel Air, MD
Frank W. Gunn, MS First, Biloxi	E	Frank W. Gunn, MS First, Biloxi
Rodney H. Travis, MO First, Ellisville	E	Rodney H. Travis, MO First, Ellisville
* Paul D. Brown, NC Woodland Hills, Asheville	E	* Paul D. Brown, NC Woodland Hills, Asheville
Robert W. Claytor, SC Northside, Anderson	E	Robert W. Claytor, SC Northside, Anderson
Richard D. Sisk, TN Broadmoor, Memphis	E	Richard D. Sisk, TN Broadmoor, Memphis
David L. Evans, TX Trinity, Amarillo	E	David L. Evans, TX Trinity, Amarillo
Rick Seabrough, TX First, Pearland	I	Stephen (Kyle) Cox, TX Nassau Bay, Houston
* Karen Dishman, VA Wynbrook, Glen Allen	I	* Paulette O. Blankinship, VA First, Roanoke

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD

**State Representation
Term Expiring 1999**

Jack A. Maroon, DC Fort Washington, Fort Washington, MD	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED
* Rose A. Bear, IN First Southern, Terre Haute	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED
Garland A. Morrison, IN Sunnycrest, Marion	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED
Danton Patterson, MI Monroe Missionary, Monroe	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED
Edward R. Futrell, TN Southside, Johnson City	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED
Roger L. Gurby, VA Ladysmith, Ladysmith	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED

Term Expiring 2000

Jaffus L. Haley, Jr., NV Calvary Southern, Las Vegas	R	* Carol A. Potts, NV Sunrise, Las Vegas
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Term Expiring 2001

Ronald E. Stewart, TN Grace, Knoxville	R	David L. Thompson, TN Alta Loma, Madison
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Term Expiring 2002

Debora D. Brunson, NC Green Street, High Point	R	* Jessie Lott, NC Catawba Valley, Morganton
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Term Expiring 2003

* Ann W. Cushing, AL First, Montgomery	I	Sammie Reid, AL Mt. Zion, Warrior
* William G. (Gary) Underwood, AR Church at Rock Creek, Little Rock	I	Larry Thomas, AR First, Atkins
* Anthony D. Clevenger, FL First, Pensacola	I	* Herberio Baez, FL Dunns Creek, Jacksonville
William D. Treese, IN Odon, Vincennes	I	Robert A. Naff, IN Vann Avenue, Evansville
Newman N. (Andy) Antonson, KS-NE Tyler Road Southern, Wichita, KS	I	Terry G. Fox, KS-NE Immanuel, Wichita, KS
Gary L. Southard, KY Rose Hill Missionary, Ashland	I	David A. Butler, KY Springdale, Louisville

J. Mark Bond, KY First, LaCenter	1	J. Timothy Mathis, KY First, Danville
Gerald Davidson, MD First, Arnold	1	Danny O'Guin, MO Tower Grove, St. Louis
* Charles L. Wilson, NM First, Carlsbad	1	Kelly M. McCarthick, NM Hillcrest, Lovington
Floyd Bennett, NC Reepsville, Vale	1	Dennis P. Harrell, NC Hyde Park, Lumberton
* David Haliburton, OH Trinity, Concord	1	* Martha E. (Betty) Hoffmann, OH Trinity, Cambridge
Billy R. Bissell, OK Boston Avenue, Oklahoma City	1	David Cramp, OK Aspen Park, Broken Arrow
* Jack W. Dial, WV Hightlawn, Huntington	1	Donald R. Yeager, WV Fairlawn, Parkersburg

**Local Representation
Term Expiring 1999**

* W. Ray Sarratt First, Lilburn, GA	1	NOT TO BE REPLACED
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LIFEWAY CHRISTIAN RESOURCES

**State Representation
Term Expiring 2000**

Jerry M. Grandstaff, AL Southside, Dothan	R	Roger D. Willmore, AL First, Weaver
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Term Expiring 2002

* Ben Smith, OH New Bethel, Cincinnati	D	William Langford, OH Lakota Hills, West Chester
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Term Expiring 2003

Jerry Bowling, AZ Hillside Southern, Phoenix	1	* Nancie V. Lewis, AZ Hi-Way, Mesa
Ben J. Rowell, AR First, Rogers	E	Ben J. Rowell, AR First, Rogers
* Jean R. Adams, DC First, Hyattsville, MD	1	Janet Henley, DC Clifton Park, Silver Spring, MD
Bob J. Jones, IL Grace, Granite City	1	* Sylvia Ellsworth, IL Immanuel, Benton
Jerry L. Vernon, IN Portage Missionary, Chesterton	E	Jerry L. Vernon, IN Portage Missionary, Chesterton
* Michelle Baker, KS-NE Mutway, Wichita, KS	1	Jim Laws, KS-NE Chandler Acres, Bellevue, NE
Kent Workman, KY Second, Hopkinsville	1	Rickey D. (Rick) Hatley, KY Central, Winchester
Dennis L. Johnsey, LA Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge	E	Dennis L. Johnsey, LA Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge
Raymond E. Shelton, MI Friendship, Southgate	1	James W. Jones, MI Oakland Woods, Clarkston
Tony F. Forehand, NV Desert Hills, Las Vegas	E	Tony F. Forehand, NV Desert Hills, Las Vegas
J. D. Grant, NC Balfour, Sylva	1	* D. Eric Rich, NC Clyborneville, Lumberton
* Mary Margaret Norman, TN First, Post	1	* Luan Stallings, TN Hillcrest, Big Spring
George H. Kinchen Jr., WV North Charleston Southern, Scott Depot	1	Mark R. McClung, WV Southern Fellowship, Summersville

**Local Representation
Term Expiring 1999**

H. Scott Harner Anna Heights, Anna Heights, IL	1	NOT TO BE REPLACED
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SOUTHERN SEMINARY

**State Representation
Term Expiring 2000**

Charles L. Updike, DC
First, Gaithersburg, MD
Ruffin Snow, OK
First Southern, Del City

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Mark E. Dever, DC
Capital Hill, Washington
* Joe T. Cox, OK
First Southern, Del City

Term Expiring 2003

Ron Horton, NC
Hickory Grove, Charlotte

R

* Dorothy H. Whitehead, NC
Oak View, High Point

Term Expiring 2004

* Kimberly A. (Kim) Wagner, AR
Percy, Percy
Morris W. Denman Jr., FL
Cook Memorial, Lynn Haven
John D. Pennington, GA
First, Douglasville
* Michael E. Harris, KY
Severns Valley, Elizabethtown
Scott J. Teutsch, LA
Eastwood, Haughton
Kenneth P. Cademartor, MD-DE
Mason Dixon, New Freedom, PA
Richard L. Holcombe, MO
Mid-Rivers, St. Peters
Stephen D. C. Cortis, SC
Edwards Road, Greenville
Steve Hogg, SC
First, Rock Hill
* Kevin Wade Westbrook, TN
Bellevue, Cordova
* Fred B. Coffey, VA
First, Martinsville

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* Kimberly A. (Kim) Wagner, AR
Percy, Percy
William H. (Bill) Haynes, FL
First Sweetwater, Longwood
John D. Pennington, GA
First, Douglasville
* John M. Boone, KY
Highview, Louisville
Scott J. Teutsch, LA
Eastwood, Haughton
Stephen D. Hokuf, MD-DE
First, North East, MD
David L. Baker, MO
First, Belton
Stephen D. C. Cortis, SC
Edwards Road, Greenville
Danny Irvin Burnley, SC
Temple, Simpsonville
Marion B. Smothers, TN
Meridian, Jackson
Patrick L. Coffey, VA
Memorial, Pulaski

**Local Representation
Term Expiring 2004**

* J. Barrett Hyman
First, Shelbyville, KY
* A. Stanley Willett, II
Shively, Louisville, KY

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* J. Barrett Hyman
First, Shelbyville, KY
* James L. Hannah
DeHaven, LaGrange, KY

**At-Large Representation
Term Expiring 2004**

Jerry A. Johnson
Comerstone, Littleton, CO

R

E. Michael Caner
Central, Aurora, CO

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

**State Representation
Term Expiring 2000**

* Paul Balducci, AL
Woodley, Mobile

R

David A. Jett, AL
First, Gardendale

Term Expiring 2001

Edward A. Saucier, AR
Grand Avenue, Fort Smith
William W. (Bill) Wyrick, WV
Ceres, Princeton

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M

* Ken Lilly, Jr., AR
First, Fort Smith
* Dorothy L. (Dottie) Tommey, WV
Grace, Parkersburg

Term Expiring 2004

Gerald E. Dacus, CA
First, Walnut Valley
* Michael Dennis Marshall, DC
First, Temple Hills, MD
Craig Alherton, KS-NE
Trinity, Wichita, KS

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Dan Nelson, CA
First, Camarillo
* Michael Dennis Marshall, DC
First, Temple Hills, MD
Robby Bolden, KS-NE
Calvary, McPherson, KS

* Charles A. Lawson II, MD-DE Linthicum, Linthicum, MD	I	* Daniel J. Schrader, MD-DE Mt. Airy, Mt. Airy, MD
* Bonny F. (Darlene) Elliott, PA-SJ West Hills, Imperial, PA	E	* Bonny F. (Darlene) Elliott, PA-SJ West Hills, Imperial, PA
Stephen M. Cloud, SC Northside, Cayce	E	Stephen M. Cloud, SC Northside, Cayce

**At-Large Representation
Term Expiring 2004**

David Lewis Allen Audelia Road, Dallas, TX	E	David Lewis Allen Audelia Road, Dallas, TX
* Laura Lee Cogswell First, Sherman, TX	E	* Laura Lee Cogswell First, Sherman, TX
Ollin E. Collins Harvest, Watauga, TX	R	Denny Autrey First, Lindale, TX

**NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY
State Representation
Term Expiring 2003**

Mike Holloway, LA Highland Park, Monroe	M	* Milton L. Godley, LA Bethany, Glenmora
Term Expiring 2004		
D. Glenn Simmons, AZ First Southern, Tempe	E	D. Glenn Simmons, AZ First Southern, Tempe
Don Taylor, CA Central, Alameda	E	Don Taylor, CA Central, Alameda
Rickey T. Brantley, GA Lawrence Drive, Macon	I	Cleo E. Jackson III, GA First, Elberton
Henry Thomas (Tom) Rains, IL First Southern, Quincy	E	Henry Thomas (Tom) Rains, IL First Southern, Quincy
Troy Lee Massey, PA-SJ Wrightsdale, Peach Bottom, PA	E	Troy Lee Massey, PA-SJ Wrightsdale, Peach Bottom, PA
Glen R. Putman, TN Bellevue, Cordova	E	Glen R. Putman, TN Bellevue, Cordova

**Local Representation
Term Expiring 2003**

Cary G. Kimbrell Peniel, West Monroe, LA	R	* James E. (Jim) Davison Temple, Ruston, LA
Term Expiring 2004		
* William M. Hamm Broadmoor, Shreveport, LA	I	* Nancy C. Victory Broadmoor, Shreveport, LA

**SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY
State Representation
Term Expiring 2004**

Hayward R. Casey, KY Browder, Browder	I	* David G. Shackelford, NY Trinity, Schenectady
* Cindy Province, MO First Harvester, St. Charles	E	* Cindy Province, MO First Harvester, St. Charles
Calvin T. Partain, NM First, Belen	I	* Kelly Ann Dodson, PA-SJ Millcreek Community, Erie, PA
* Kent Humphreys, OK Cherokee Hills, Oklahoma City	E	* Kent Humphreys, OK Cherokee Hills, Oklahoma City

**Local Representation
Term Expiring 2004**

* Arthur W. Madill West Monroe, Monroe, NC	I	Mark E. Harris Center Grove, Clemmons, NC
* Sandra G. Page First, Charlotte, NC	R	* Jack E. Fallaw First, Charlotte, NC

MIDWESTERN SEMINARY

**State Representation
Term Expiring 2000**

Bobby Dungan, AL
Bethlehem, Dothan

M

James F. (Jim) Fisher Jr., AL
Sage Avenue, Mobile

Term Expiring 2001

* Jean Crady, KY
Walnut Memorial, Owensboro

R

* Lillie B. Black, NY
Hope, Flanders, NJ

Term Expiring 2003

Ronnie W. Rogers, AR
Lakeside, Hot Springs

M

William C. Hatfield, AR
First, Dierks

Term Expiring 2004

E. Lewis Adkison, CO
Circle Drive, Colorado Springs

I

Kenneth R. Barnett, CO
Christ, Denver

Robert A. Lally, MD-DE
Cantonsville, Baltimore, MD

I

Danny C. Eddington, NV
First, Carson City

Walter G. Smith, MI
Fellowship, Grand Blanc

DS

Wayne H. Parker, MI
Merriman Road, Garden City

* Wesley B. Anderson, NW
Pines, Veradale, WA

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* Wesley B. Anderson, NW
Pines, Veradale, WA

William L. Denny, PA-SJ
Laurel Mt. Bible, Mineral Point, PA

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William L. Denny, PA-SJ
Laurel Mt. Bible, Mineral Point, PA

**Local Representation
Term Expiring 2001**

* Jack H. Hamilton
Western Hills, Topeka, KS

R

* Patricia Bowen
First Geyer Springs, Little
Rock, AR

Term Expiring 2004

* Gary D. Manford
First, Shelbina, MO
Jeffrey A. Brocaille
Westside, Omaha, NE

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* Gary D. Manford
First, Shelbina, MO
Jeffrey A. Brocaille
Westside, Omaha, NE

GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY

**State Representation
Term Expiring 2004**

William T. Trapp, AL
Woodmont, Florence

E

William T. Trapp, AL
Woodmont, Florence

* Lester M. Maples, FL
First, Deer Point Lake

E

* Lester M. Maples, FL
First, Deer Point Lake

Bobby J. Swift, KY
First, Mayfield

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Bobby J. Swift, KY
First, Mayfield

* Frederick T. Corbin, NC
Hayes Barton, Raleigh

I

* Clarence Johnson, NC
First, Indian Trail

* R. Harold Dove, WV
Immanuel, Princeton

I

* Charles T. (Tom) Grant Jr., WV
Hightlawn, Huntington

**At-Large Representation
Term Expiring 2000**

Horacio Jones
Fremont Bible Fellowship, Fremont, CA

R

E. W. McCall
St. Stephen, LaPuente, CA

Term Expiring 2004

David Y. Gill Concord Korean, Martinez, CA	E	David Y. Gill Concord Korean, Martinez, CA
Rolando A. Ragnas United, Carson, CA	E	Rolando A. Ragnas United, Carson, CA

ETHICS AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COMMISSION**State Representation****Term Expiring 2001**

Barry King, AR Tumbling Shoals	R	* Larry L. Page, AR Church At Rock Creek Little Rock
* Shirley J. Lewis, CA Immanuel Southern, Ridgecrest	M	* Norma M. May, CA First Southern, Glendale

Term Expiring 2003

Ron Fellows, IN Ridgecrest, Vincennes	E	Ron Fellows, IN Ridgecrest, Vincennes
* Harold H. Hendrick, MO First Ferguson, St. Louis	E	* Harold H. Hendrick, MO First, Ferguson, St. Louis
Jeffrey L. Isenhour, NC Arran Lake, Fayetteville	E	Jeffrey L. Isenhour, NC Arran Lake, Fayetteville
Charles D. Belts, OH First, Vandalia	I	* Audrey R. Smith, OH First, Miamisburg
Joel B. (Joe) Sherrer, OK Southern Hills, Oklahoma City	E	Joel B. (Joe) Sherrer, OK Southern Hills, Oklahoma City
Orion T. Rhodes, PA-SJ Lancaster, Lancaster, PA	E	Orion T. Rhodes, PA-SJ Lancaster, Lancaster, PA
Ben Wilkes, TN First, Union City	E	Ben Wilkes, TN First, Union City
Steven Wright, TX Houston Northwest, Houston	E	Steven Wright, TX Houston Northwest, Houston

At-Large Representation**Term Expiring 2003**

* Robert E. Jackson Rock Hill, Spartanburg, SC	DS	* Harold L. Camlin South Florence, Florence, SC
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COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS**Term Expiring 2002**

Kenneth C. Whitten Idlewild, Tampa, FL	I	Ronald J. (Ron) Rogers Emmanuel, Grand Junction, CO
Michael L. Green Calvary, Republic, MO	I	Fred Powell Trinity North, Kansas City, MO

The Committee on Nominations recommends Jerry A. Johnson (Highview, Louisville, KY) be elected the chairman of Committee on Order of Business.

Definitions used in this report:

D Deceased	DS Declined to Serve
E Eligible for Second Term	I Ineligible for Second Term
M Moved from the State	N New Member by Virtue of SBC Church Membership
R Resigned	* Non-Church Denominational-Related (Visitation)

32. Morris H. Chapman introduced the Executive Committee Report as shown in the *SBC Book of Reports*. Chapman introduced James G. Merritt (GA), chairman of the Executive Committee. Merritt issued a "Partners in the Harvest" challenge to the Convention which included a goal of one million baptisms and \$750 million in combined offerings for 2000-2001.

33. James H. (Jim) Wells (MO) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 1, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 1: Second Vote on Bylaw 14 Amendment

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention act for the second of two consecutive years (pursuant to Southern Baptist Convention Bylaw 37) to amend Southern Baptist Convention *Bylaw 14(1)(a) to change "The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention" to "LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention."

**SBC Bylaw 14(1)(a) was numbered SBC Bylaw 15(1)(a) until after the 1998 Southern Baptist Convention. This accounts for use of the former number in last year's recommendation on this matter.*

34. John D. Wallace (TN) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 2, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 2: SBC Document Revisions Related to the SBC Annual Meeting

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention act for the second of two consecutive years (pursuant to Southern Baptist Convention Constitution, Article XIV) to amend the SBC Constitution, Article XIV, as follows:

NOTE: Strikeout represents deletion to text.

SBC Constitution, Article XIV, Amendments.

Any alterations may be made in these Articles at any annual meeting of the Convention by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at the time the vote is taken, provided ~~(1) that no amendment may be considered after the second day of the Convention and~~ (2) that an amendment shall be so approved by two (2) consecutive annual meetings of the Convention.

35. Donald Cotten (AL) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 3, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 3: SBC Document Revisions Related to Terminology

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention act for the second of two consecutive years (pursuant to the Southern Baptist Convention Constitution, Article XIV) to amend the Southern Baptist Convention Constitution by substituting the word "entity (entities)" wherever the word "agency (agencies)" appears and by substituting the word "director(s)" wherever the word "commissioner(s)" appears.

36. Michael L. Trammell (MD) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 4, and it was adopted.

**Recommendation 4: Amendment to SBC Business and Financial Plan Article VI
Regarding Offering Nomenclature**

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention that the language of Article VI, Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Business and Financial Plan of the Southern Baptist Convention be amended as follows:

NOTE: Bold represents addition to text; strikethrough represents deletion of text.

VI. Fund Raising Activities

1. Approval of Financial Activities – No entity of the Southern Baptist Convention shall conduct any type of fund raising activity without the advance approval of the Convention, or its Executive Committee. No advance approval shall be required for the two Convention approved special offerings: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for ~~Foreign~~ **International** Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for ~~Home~~ **North American** Missions.

2. ~~Reporting Fund Raising Activities~~ – Each Convention entity shall report annually to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention on any type of fund raising activity conducted by the entity. The report shall include a summary of the activity, its title, financial goals, structure, cost, and the results of such fund raising during the past year. No report shall be required for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for ~~Foreign~~ **International** Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for ~~Home~~ **North American** Missions.

37. Hollic Miller (TN) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 5, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 5: 1999-2000 SBC Operating Budget

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention the adoption of the 1999-2000 SBC Operating Budget in the amount of \$6,544,490, as follows:

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY
STATEMENT OF INCOME**

	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-2000</u>
Cooperative Program	\$5,146,190	\$5,298,180
Designations	100,000	200,000
LifeWay (BSSB)	500,000	550,000
Interest/Dividends	75,000	175,000
<i>SBC LIFE</i>	225,000	220,000
Other Income	<u>128,995</u>	<u>101,310</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,175,185	\$6,544,490

EXPENDITURES

Convention Operating Expense		
General Operations		
SBC Committees		
SBC Building/Management		
Annual Meeting		
SUBTOTAL	\$2,405,600	\$2,393,600
Executive Committee Operating Expense		
Administration		
Executive Committee Meetings		
Southern Baptist Foundation		
Convention Relations		
Convention News		
Cooperative Program Development		
SUBTOTAL	\$3,344,585	\$3,725,890
Convention Support		
Baptist World Alliance	<u>\$ 425,000</u>	<u>\$ 425,000</u>
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	\$6,175,185	\$6,544,490

38. Gary L. Frost (OH) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 6, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 6: 1999-2000 SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the 1999-2000 Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program Allocation Budget in the amount of \$159,583,743, as follows, including the 1999-2000 Capital Needs Budget and the 1999-2000 Ministry Advance Budget.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
1999-2000 SBC CP ALLOCATION BUDGET

	1999-2000 BUDGET ALLOCATION	1999-2000 % OF TOTAL ALLOCATION
WORLD MISSION MINISTRIES		
INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD	\$ 79,791,872	50.00%
NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD	<u>36,369,135</u>	22.79%
TOTAL: WORLD MISSIONS MIN.	\$ 116,161,007	72.79%
THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES		
SEMINARIES:		
SWBTS	\$ 9,916,319	6.21%
SBTS	6,127,389	3.84%
NOBTS	6,149,656	3.85%
SEBTS	5,895,034	3.69%
GGBTS	3,156,152	1.98%
MWBTS	<u>2,906,371</u>	<u>1.82%</u>
TOTAL SEMINARIES	34,150,921	21.40%
HISTORICAL LIB. & ARCHIVES	383,001	0.24%
TOTAL: THEOLOGICAL ED. MIN.	\$ 34,533,922	21.64%
CHRISTIAN ETHICS & RELIGIOUS LIB. MIN.		
ETHICS & RELIGIOUS LIB. COM.	\$ 2,377,798	1.49%
FACILITATING MINISTRIES		
ANNUITY BOARD	1,212,836	0.76%
SBC OPERATING	<u>5,298,180</u>	<u>3.32%</u>
INCLUDES \$425,000 FOR BWA		
TOTAL: FACILITATING MINISTRIES	\$ 6,511,016	4.08%
CHURCH ENRICHMENT MINISTRIES		
LIFEWAY CHRISTIAN RESOURCES	0	0.00%
TOTAL: 1999-2000 PROGRAM ALLOCATION BUDGET	\$ 159,583,743	100.00%

1998-99 CAPITAL NEEDS BUDGET

	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Balance Forward To 1998-99</u>
NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD	19.31%	\$ 608,138
GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY	11.52%	363,187
MIDWESTERN SEMINARY	12.27%	386,666
NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY	13.89%	436,881
SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY	10.08%	317,821
SOUTHERN SEMINARY	15.04%	475,034
SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY	<u>17.89%</u>	<u>563,793</u>
	100.00%	\$3,151,520

1. All receipts over the Cooperative Program Allocation Budget shall be allocated equally to the Capital Needs Budget and Ministry Advance. When the Capital Needs Budget is paid in full, the balance of the receipts over budget shall be allocated to Ministry Advance.
 2. Ministry Advance funds will be distributed according to the same percentages as the Cooperative Program Allocation Budget.
39. Steven O. Walsh (NC) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 7, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 7: SBC Annual Meeting: Future Convention Site, 2004

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention select Indianapolis, Indiana, as the convention site for the 2004 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention pending satisfactory contract negotiations with the convention center and area hotels. The convention dates would be June 15-16, 2004.

40. Herbert T. (Herb) Thomas (AL) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 8, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 8: Denominational Calendar Recommendations 1999-2000 Through 2003-2004

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention approve the recommendations of the Great Commission Council for the Denominational Calendar, 1999-2000 through 2003-2004 as follows. (Note: *Italics* represents the combining of International Mission Study and Week of Prayer for International Missions.)

1999-2000 CALENDAR

October 1999

Cooperative Program Emphasis

On Mission: To Share the Gospel Sunday, October 3
World Hunger Sunday, October 10

November 1999

On Mission: The Next Generation Sunday, November 7
International Mission Study, November 14-20

November/December 1999

Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, November 28-December 5

December 1999

Student Day at Christmas, December 26

January 2000

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 16

February 2000

"True Love Waits"

Baptist World Alliance Day, February 6
Racial Reconciliation Sunday, February 13
Focus on WMLU, February 14-20

March 2000

On Mission in North America: Week of Prayer and Mission Study and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, March 5-12
Day of Prayer for Spiritual Awakening in North America, March 8
Youth Week, March 13-19
Substance Abuse Sunday, March 19
On Mission: Planting New Congregations Sunday, March 26

April 2000

SBC Seminaries Sunday, April 2
Cooperative Program Sunday, April 9
Baptist Doctrine Study, April 17-21
Easter, April 23
Life Commitment Sunday, April 30

May 2000

Senior Adult Sunday, May 7
Christian Home Week, May 7-14

June 2000

Crossover (Convention City), June 5-11
Southern Baptist Convention, June 13-14
Adopt An Annuitant Sunday, June 25

July 2000

Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday, July 2

August 2000

Social Issues Sunday: Religious Persecution, August 6
Day of Prayer for Students, August 13

September 2000

Single Adult Sunday, September 10
Anti-Gambling Sunday, September 17
Discipleship Rally, September 25

2000-2001 CALENDAR**October 2000**

Cooperative Program Emphasis

On Mission: To Share the Gospel Sunday, October 1

World Hunger Sunday, October 8

November 2000

On Mission: The Next Generation Sunday, November 5

~~International Mission Study, November 12-18~~

~~November/December 2000~~

~~Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering,
November 26—December 3~~

December 2000

*Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas
Offering, December 3-10*

Student Day at Christmas, December 31

January 2001

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 21

February 2001

"True Love Waits"

Baptist World Alliance Day, February 4

Racial Reconciliation Sunday, February 11

Focus on WMU, February 12-18

March 2001

On Mission in North America: Week of Prayer and Mission Study and the Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering, March 4-11

Day of Prayer for Spiritual Awakening in North America, March 7

Youth Week, March 12-18

Substance Abuse Sunday, March 18

On Mission: Planting New Congregations Sunday, March 25

April 2001

SBC Seminaries Sunday, April 1

Cooperative Program Sunday, April 8

Baptist Doctrine Study, April 16-20

Easter, April 15

Life Commitment Sunday, April 29

May 2001

Senior Adult Sunday, May 6

Christian Home Week, May 6-13

June 2001

Crossover (Convention City), June 4-10

Southern Baptist Convention, June 12-13

Adopt An Annuitant Sunday, June 24

July 2001

Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday, July 1

August 2001

Social Issues Sunday: Pornography, August 5

Day of Prayer for Students, August 12

September 2001

Single Adult Sunday, September 9

Anti-Gambling Sunday, September 16

Discipleship Rally, September 24

2001-2002 CALENDAR**October 2001**

Cooperative Program Emphasis

On Mission: To Share the Gospel Sunday, October 7

World Hunger Sunday, October 14

November 2001

On Mission: The Next Generation Sunday, November 4

~~International Mission Study, November 11-17~~**~~November/December 2001~~**~~Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering,~~~~November 25 - December 2~~**December 2001***Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, December 2-9*

Student Day at Christmas, December 30

January 2002

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 20

February 2002

"True Love Waits"

Baptist World Alliance Day, February 3

Racial Reconciliation Sunday, February 10

Focus on WMU, February 11-17

March 2002

On Mission in North America: Week of Prayer and Mission Study and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, March 3-10

Day of Prayer for Spiritual Awakening in North America, March 6

Youth Week, March 11-17

Substance Abuse Sunday, March 17

On Mission: Planting New Congregations Sunday, March 24

Easter, March 31

April 2002

SBC Seminaries Sunday, April 7

Cooperative Program Sunday, April 14

Baptist Doctrine Study, April 15-19

Life Commitment Sunday, April 28

May 2002

Senior Adult Sunday, May 5

Christian Home Week, May 5-12

June 2002

Crossover (Convention City), June 3-9

Southern Baptist Convention, June 11-12

Adopt An Annuitant Sunday, June 23

July 2002

Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday, July 7

August 2002

Social Issues Sunday: Human Rights, August 4

Day of Prayer for Students, August 11

September 2002

Single Adult Sunday, September 8

Anti-Gambling Sunday, September 15

Discipleship Rally, September 23

2002 -2003 CALENDAR**October 2002**

Cooperative Program Emphasis

On Mission: To Share the Gospel Sunday, October 6
World Hunger Sunday, October 13

November 2002

On Mission: The Next Generation Sunday, November 3
~~International Mission Study, November 10-16~~

~~November/December 2002~~

~~Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering:
November 24 - December 1~~

December 2002

Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, December 1-8
Student Day at Christmas, December 29

January 2003

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 19

February 2003

"True Love Waits"

Baptist World Alliance Day, February 2
Racial Reconciliation Sunday, February 9
Focus on WMU, February 10-16

March 2003

On Mission in North America: Week of Prayer and Mission Study and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, March 2-9
Day of Prayer for Spiritual Awakening in North America, March 5
Youth Week, March 10-16
Substance Abuse Sunday, March 16
On Mission: Planting New Congregations Sunday, March 23

April 2003

SBC Seminaries Sunday, April 6
Cooperative Program Sunday, April 13
Easter, April 20
Baptist Doctrine Study, April 21-25
Life Commitment Sunday, April 27

May 2003

Senior Adult Sunday, May 4
Christian Home Week, May 4-11

June 2003

Crossover (Convention City), June 9-15
Southern Baptist Convention, June 17-18
Adopt An Annuitant Sunday, June 22

July 2003

Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday, July 6

August 2003

Social Issues Sunday: World Peace, August 3
Day of Prayer for Students, August 10

September 2003

Single Adult Sunday, September 14
Anti-Gambling Sunday, September 21
Discipleship Rally, September 29

2003-2004 CALENDAR**October 2003**

Cooperative Program Emphasis

On Mission: To Share the Gospel Sunday, October 5
World Hunger Sunday, October 12

November 2003

On Mission: The Next Generation Sunday, November 2
~~International Mission Study, November 9-15~~

November/December 2003

Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, November 30-December 7

December 2003

Student Day at Christmas, December 28

January 2004

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 18

February 2004

"True Love Waits"

Baptist World Alliance Day, February 1
Racial Reconciliation Sunday, February 8
Focus on WMU, February 9-15

March 2004

On Mission in North America: Week of Prayer and Mission Study and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, March 7-14
Day of Prayer for Spiritual Awakening in North America, March 10
Youth Week, March 15-21
Substance Abuse Sunday, March 21
On Mission: Planting New Congregations Sunday, March 28

April 2004

SBC Seminaries Sunday, April 4
Easter, April 11
Cooperative Program Sunday, April 18
Baptist Doctrine Study, April 19-23
Life Commitment Sunday, April 25

May 2004

Senior Adult Sunday, May 2
Christian Home Week, May 2-9

June 2004

Crossover (Convention City), N/A
Southern Baptist Convention, N/A
Adopt An Annuitant Sunday, June 27

July 2004

Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday, July 4

August 2004

Social Issues Sunday: Environmental Stewardship, August 1
Day of Prayer for Students, August 8

September 2004

Single Adult Sunday, September 12
Anti-Gambling Sunday, September 19
Discipleship Rally, September 27

41. Bruce O. Martin (NC) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 10, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 10: 1995-2000 Bold Mission Thrust Report, Year III

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention receive as information the 1995-2000 Bold Mission Thrust Report, Year III, as follows.

Directions 2000: 1995-2000 Bold Mission Thrust Report, Year III

This is the third of the final five annual reports on Bold Mission Thrust. The 1997-98 church year ended with only two years left in the final decade of an emphasis planted in the hearts of Southern Baptists in 1976 when a Missions Challenge Committee completed three years of study with recommendations that challenged Southern Baptists to pray, give, and work so that "every person in the world shall have the opportunity to hear the gospel of Christ by the year 2000." - 1976 *SBC Annual*, p. 54

The term "Bold Mission Thrust" became the theme of the emphasis in 1979 at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Texas.

In 1987, the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, adopted the 1990-2000 Bold Mission Thrust Denominational Emphasis Plan with the following statement of purpose:

"The purpose of the 1990-2000 Bold Mission Thrust Emphasis Plan is to provide a way whereby Southern Baptists can pray, plan, and work together to carry out Christ's commission to go into all the world and make disciples." - 1987 *SBC Annual*, p. 40

Fourteen priority concerns were identified as requiring the most urgent attention of Southern Baptists as follows:

1. Reaching Lost Persons With the Gospel of Christ
2. Accepting and Teaching the Bible as the Authority for Faith and Life
3. Engaging in Worship That Magnifies and Honors God
4. Helping Disciples Grow Toward Christian Maturity
5. Strengthening Love and Harmony Within the Fellowship of the Church
6. Demonstrating Commitment to Missions Through Personal Involvement
7. Ministering to Families, Including Singles and Senior Adults
8. Establishing and Growing New Congregations and other Forms of New-Work Among All People
9. Penetrating Diverse Urban Cultures and Attitudes with the Gospel
10. Following Christ's Servant Pattern in Christian Service
11. Understanding and Sharing Baptist Doctrine, Heritage, History and Polity
12. Supporting the Church's Mission by Sacrificial, Joyful Giving
13. Ministering to Persons in Need, Such as the Alienated, Homeless, Hungry, Displaced and Abused
14. Demonstrating Commitment to Intercessory Prayer through a Convention-wide Network of Intercessory Prayer

Thirteen goals were approved, each in two five-year increments. The Year III report of accomplishments relates to goals for 1995-2000.

Page 2 of this report shows 1997-98 achievements related to measurable goals set by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1987.

1995-2000 GOALS		1997-98 REPORT	
1.	Baptisms: A total of 2.5 million baptisms reported by the churches during 1995-2000	1996-97 1997-98 Total	412,027 407,264 819,291
2.	New Congregations: A total of 50,000 churches and church-type missions by 2000	Churches Church-type missions* Total	40,870 3,848 44,718
3.	Worship: Average morning worship attendance equal to 60 percent of resident church membership	morning	5,398,692
4.	Bible Study: Sunday School enrollment of 13 million by 2000		8,147,939
5.	Discipleship: Discipleship Training enrollment of 3 million by 2000		2,537,625
6.	Missions Education: Combined WMU and Brotherhood church enrollment of 2.3 million by 2000	WMU***** Brotherhood*****	991,232 525,655 1,516,887
7.	Stewardship: Total of 20 billion dollars in annual undesignated church receipts by 2000	1997-98	\$ 5,421,234,605
8.	North American Missionaries: A total of 5,000 missions personnel in 2000		4,815
9.	International Missionaries: A total of 5,600 missionaries by 2000		4,570
10.	Missions Volunteers: Combined North American and International mission volunteers of 400,000 during 1995-2000	NAMB**** IMB Total	100,000 19,943 119,943
11.	Missions Support: A total of 2.5 billion dollars through the Cooperative Program in 2000		\$953,491,003
12.	Associational Missions: Each church giving to associational missions on a percentage basis		**19,436
13.	Intercessory Prayer: Each church having an ongoing ministry of intercessory prayer by 2000		***16,999

1995-2000 Goals adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention June 16, 1987.

All figures are estimated except for IMB and NAMB. Mission Support, and where 1995-96 figures are shown for estimates.

* Data not reported by TX, SC, IL, or GA

** Data not reported by TX, SC, IL, GA, or AZ

*** Data not reported by TX, SC, IL, GA, or AZ

**** The North American Mission Board figure is not comparable to the former Home Mission Board figure because it includes approximately 11,000 World Changers.

***** This is an approximate number.

42. Bruce G. Coe (AZ) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 11, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 11: Restatement of the Articles of Incorporation of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention approve the Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, which contain new language making the Southern Baptist Convention the sole member of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and specify the method for trustee removal by the Convention.

**RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
Of
ANNUITY BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
(WITH AMENDMENTS)**

ARTICLE ONE

The name of the corporation is Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

ARTICLE TWO

The corporation is a non-profit corporation.

ARTICLE THREE

The period of its duration is perpetual.

ARTICLE FOUR

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation are organized are:

The corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for the advancement of religion and other charitable purposes. The corporation shall be and operate as a church benefits board within the meaning of article 1407a of Vernon's Annotated Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas and section 414(e)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), or corresponding provisions of law hereafter in effect.

The corporation is formed as a purely benevolent association, its purpose being to provide relief, support, benefits and annuities for ministers of the gospel of Baptist churches within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, and for their widows and orphans, and in like manner for missionaries of such Baptist churches and for such laymen and laywomen members of said denomination as shall be giving all their time to the work of such Baptist churches as teachers, field workers or secretaries.

The corporation shall be operated exclusively for such purposes, and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any trustee, officer, other private individual, no substantial part of its activities shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and it shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Restated Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") or corresponding provisions of law hereafter in effect, or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under section 170(e)(2) of the Code, or corresponding provisions of law hereafter in effect.

All of the corporation's assets are pledged for use in carrying out the corporation's purposes, and the use, directly or indirectly, of any part of the corporation's assets in any other activity or transaction is expressly prohibited.

ARTICLE FIVE

The corporation shall have one Member, the Southern Baptist Convention, a religious non-profit corporation chartered by act of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Georgia.

ARTICLE SIX

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the corporation's board of directors, also by custom referred to as the board of trustees, except to the extent the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act vests powers in the Member and further to the extent these Articles or the Bylaws of the corporation vest powers in the Member which would otherwise be vested in the board of trustees. Except as otherwise provided in the corporation's Bylaws, the power to amend the corporation's Bylaws is vested exclusively in the board of trustees.

ARTICLE SEVEN

Except as otherwise provided for herein, the business of this corporation shall be managed by a board of trustees, who shall be named each year by the action of the Southern Baptist Convention. Subject to change as provided below, the membership of the board of trustees shall consist of one (1) trustee from each qualified state, plus one additional trustee from each state where there are 500,000 or more members of cooperating Baptist churches residing in such state. In no event shall more than three (3) trustees be elected from the same church. The President of the Southern Baptist Convention shall be a member of the board of trustees with full voting power.

The term of office of a trustee shall be four years unless the trustee is elected to fill an unexpired term (or is elected to fill a vacancy until the Southern Baptist Convention elects a trustee to fill the unexpired term.) A trustee shall

hold office until the expiration of the term to which the trustee is elected, or until the trustee is no longer qualified, or is removed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the qualifications and term of office of a trustee, the number of trustees constituting the board of trustees, and any increase or decrease from time to time of such number, shall be determined by the Southern Baptist Convention. The election of trustees shall occur by the act of the Southern Baptist Convention. Vacancies occurring in the board of trustees because of an increase in the number of trustees shall be filled by the Southern Baptist Convention. Vacancies occurring for any other reason shall also be filled by the Southern Baptist Convention, except that the board of trustees may fill a vacancy on an interim basis until the Southern Baptist Convention acts to fill the vacancy. No decrease shall have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent trustee.

In addition, each trustee serving on the board as a local trustee, as of the beginning of the 1995 Southern Baptist Convention, shall be eligible to serve as a local trustee until such time as he has served two full terms of four years each. If any of these local trustees is not elected by the Convention to a term to which the local trustee is eligible, or if the local trustee shall die, resign or become otherwise ineligible to serve, the position which that local trustee now fills shall terminate. When no local trustees remain on the board, the remaining trustees shall constitute the board, and the trustees shall have the consent of the Southern Baptist Convention to amend the articles of incorporation of the corporation to delete this third paragraph of Article Seven.

ARTICLE EIGHT

The Southern Baptist Convention may remove a trustee prior to the expiration of the trustee's term for any reason deemed sufficient to the Convention, the election and removal of trustees by the Convention being religious acts within the scope of the free exercise of the Convention's religion under the Constitution of the United States.

A. The removal of a trustee must be approved by the messengers to an annual meeting of the Convention in accordance with the following process:

1. The Convention cannot consider a motion to remove a trustee unless written notice of intent to remove the trustee was received by the President of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention on or before the preceding January 15. The notice may be given by or on behalf of the board of trustees or by any member of a church cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention. The President of the Executive Committee shall be responsible for informing the trustee in question, the corporation, and the editor of *Baptist Press* that the trustee's removal has been proposed.
2. If the President of the Executive Committee did not receive timely notice of intent to remove, then any motion at the annual Convention to remove a trustee shall be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and report to the next annual session

of the Convention which may consider and vote upon removal of the trustee.

3. No single motion may undertake to remove more than one trustee. A motion to remove a trustee shall be adopted if it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the messengers present and voting.

B. If the motion to remove a trustee is adopted, the removal shall be effective immediately upon delivery to the corporation's secretary of a written notice of removal signed by the President or Recording Secretary of the Convention. Any vote in favor of the removal of a trustee shall be deemed as having conclusively established the sufficiency of any reason for removal. There shall be no right of judicial review concerning the removal of a trustee at any point in the removal process.

ARTICLE NINE

A trustee of the corporation shall not be personally liable to the corporation or its Member for monetary damages for an act or omission in the trustee's capacity as a trustee, except for:

- (1) a breach of trustee's duty of loyalty to the corporation or to its Member;
- (2) an act or omission not in good faith that constitutes a breach of duty of the trustee to the corporation or an act or omission that involves intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of the law;
- (3) a transaction from which the trustee received an improper benefit, whether or not the benefit resulted from an action taken within the scope of the trustee's office; or
- (4) an act or omission for which the liability of a trustee is expressly provided by an applicable statute.

Any repeal or modification of the foregoing paragraph shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a trustee of the corporation existing at the time of such repeal or modification.

ARTICLE TEN

Except as provided in Art. 1396-4.02 of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, amendments to the Restated Articles of Incorporation shall be made only with the advice and consent of the Southern Baptist Convention. No amendment shall be made which would alter the exclusive charitable and educational purposes, as set forth in Article Four, or would cause any benefit to inure to any trustee, incorporator, donor or donors, or to any private shareholder or individual who has personal and private interest in the activities of this corporation. No merger, consolidation, dissolution, or sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all, or substantially all, of the property and assets of the corporation can occur until after approval of the Southern Baptist Convention. The acquisition by the corporation of a controlling interest in, or the establishment of a subsidiary

corporation or any other legal entity or form for conducting its affairs shall occur only after approval of the Southern Baptist Convention or its Executive Committee.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

The corporation shall have as its principal office and place of business the City of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas.

ARTICLE TWELVE

In the event of a dissolution of the corporation by lapse of time or otherwise, when it has, or is entitled to, any interest in any funds or property of any kind, real, personal or mixed, such funds or property or rights thereto shall not be transferred to private ownership, but shall be transferred and set over unto the Southern Baptist Convention or its successor, provided said Southern Baptist Convention or its successor is an organization which is exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Code (or corresponding provision of law hereafter in effect), or if not, then such funds or property or rights thereto shall be transferred to a charitable or religious organization which is exempt from federal income taxes under section 501(c)(3) of the Code (or corresponding provisions hereafter in effect), as may be selected by the Southern Baptist Convention or its successors.

43. William R. (Bill) Elliff (AR) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 12, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 12: Restatement of the Articles of Incorporation of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention approve the Restated Articles of Incorporation of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, which contain new language making the Southern Baptist Convention the sole member of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, as follows:

RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of GOLDEN GATE BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY a California Nonprofit Religious Corporation (Corporation No. 94-1294918)

William O. Crews and James F. Stephenson, President and Secretary respectively of the corporation, certify that the corporation has elected to be governed by all the provisions of the Nonprofit Religious Corporation Law; that the Articles of Incorporation have been amended to read as herein set forth in full; that these Restated Articles of Incorporation supersede for all purposes the original Articles and all Amendments thereto; that the Restated Articles of Incorporation were approved by the Board of Directors and the Members by the required votes on the thirteenth day of April, 1999; and that the consent and

approval by the Southern Baptist Convention of the amendments and of the Restated Articles of Incorporation were obtained.

1. The name of the corporation is Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.
2. This corporation is a religious corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Religious Corporation Law exclusively for religious, educational and charitable purposes.
3. The corporation shall have one member, and that to be the Southern Baptist Convention, a religious nonprofit corporation chartered by act of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Georgia. The membership of the Southern Baptist Convention shall not be terminated nor shall any other member be admitted except by the amendment of the Articles of Incorporation with the consent of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Southern Baptist Convention shall not be subject to any levy of dues, assessments, or fees.
4. The annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention shall constitute the annual meeting of the member, and at this meeting the Southern Baptist Convention will elect the directors of the Corporation. The term "trustee" may be used interchangeably with the term "director" and such usage shall not change, in any way, the character of the office or increase or decrease the powers, duties, or responsibilities of the office of director. A special meeting of the member may occur only as provided in its governing instruments. The location of meetings shall be determined by the Southern Baptist Convention. No legal notice of member meetings shall be required.
5. The religious polity, discipline, rules and customs require and the member shall have the right to:
 - a. establish the qualifications of directors; elect directors; remove directors without legal cause and by a procedure adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention. Vacancies occurring in the Board of Directors may be declared only by the Southern Baptist Convention, or by its Executive Committee in case of death, resignation, or disqualification of a director. Any directorship vacancy existing for any reason, including a vacancy existing by reason of an increase in the number of directors, shall be filled by the Southern Baptist Convention, except that the Board of Directors may elect directors to fill the vacancy temporarily until the Southern Baptist Convention elects directors to fill the vacancy;
 - b. determine the term of office of directors;
 - c. determine the number of persons constituting the Board of Directors, the geographic representation and the balance between those who are and those who are not church and denominational employees;
 - d. approve any amendment of the Article of Incorporation adopted by the Board of Directors;

e. approve any merger, dissolution, or the sale, lease, conveyance, exchange, transfer, or other disposition of all or substantially all, of the corporation's assets;

f. approve the sale, lease, or other disposition of all or substantially all, of the corporation's assets;

g. approve, by action of the Southern Baptist Convention, or its Executive Committee, the acquisition by the corporation of a controlling interest in an entity, or the establishment of a subsidiary corporation or any other legal entity or form for conducting its affairs.

6. The Board of Directors of the corporation may adopt and amend bylaws provided that the bylaws shall not diminish the Southern Baptist Convention's rights, and shall not be inconsistent with the law and the Restated Articles of Incorporation.

7. The objects and purposes for which this corporation is formed are: to establish and maintain and operate schools and institutions of learning for the educational and missionary training of Christian workers, for all kinds and character of Christian service, and to confer degrees; having full authority to do all things necessary to put into execution the purposes for which this corporation is created.

8. The directors of this corporation shall be elected by the SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION. The directors so elected shall be thirty-four (34) in number, or more as authorized by the bylaws of this corporation.

9. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious, educational, and charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation, and the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law.

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation except as permitted under section 501 (h) of the Internal Revenue Code 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law, and this corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including publishing or

distributing statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious purposes meeting the requirements for exemption provided by section 214 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code (or the corresponding section of any future California revenue and tax law), and no part of net earnings or assets of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director, trustee, officer, private shareholder or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.

In the event that the corporation is dissolved for any reason whatsoever, the assets remaining after all corporate obligations have been paid in the process of dissolution shall be transferred to THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, a non-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia, if then in existence, and which transferee is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes meeting the requirements for exemption provided by section 214 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code (or the corresponding section of any future California revenue and tax law) and has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and under section 23701d of the California Revenue and Taxation Code (or the corresponding section of any future California revenue and tax law), or in such manner as the Executive Committee of said Southern Baptist Convention may direct; but in no event shall the assets remaining after dissolution be paid to or transferred to any organization other than a qualified charitable organization which is qualified to receive contributions and gifts that are deductible as charitable contributions under the relevant State of California and United States statutes relating to income and inheritance taxes which is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes meeting the requirements for exemption provided by section 214 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code (or the corresponding section of any future California revenue and tax law) and has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and under section 23701d of the California Revenue and Taxation Code (or the corresponding section of any future California revenue and tax law).

If this corporation shall hold any asset or trust, or the corporation is formed for charitable and religious purposes, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by decree of the superior court of the county in which the corporation has its principal office or petition therefor by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation in a proceeding in which the Attorney General is a party.

Upon dissolution of this corporation, its affairs shall be liquidated by the Board of Directors. Said Directors are hereby vested with full authority to sell and dispose of the assets, property, and effects of the corporation in liquidation, including the power to convey title and sign all deeds and documents necessary to that end, and, after paying its just debts and the costs and expenses of the liquidation, and the remainder of the money, property, and effects of this corporation shall be paid and delivered to the Treasurer of THE SOUTHERN

BAPTIST CONVENTION, which is hereby vested with full and complete ownership of the proceeds of said dissolution, subject to the provisions of this article set out above, and the said Treasurer shall upon such payment and delivery be authorized to execute full and complete discharge of said Directors in the premises.

10. These Articles of Incorporation may be amended only with prior consent of THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, the sole member of the Corporation.

11. Pursuant to section 9913 of the California Corporations Code, this Corporation elects to be governed by all the provisions of the present Nonprofit Religious Corporation Law not otherwise applicable to it under sections 9910 through 9927 of the California Corporations Code.

44. Gary A. Smith (TX) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 13, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 13: Amendment of the Articles of Incorporation of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Inc.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention approve the changes to the Articles of Incorporation of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, which contain new language making the Southern Baptist Convention the sole member of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and specify the method for trustee removal by the Convention, as follows:

Note: Addition of text is indicated by underline and deleted text is indicated by ~~strikeout~~.

**Articles of Incorporation
of Midwestern Baptist
Theological Seminary, Inc.**

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is: MIDWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, INC.

ARTICLE II

The period of duration of the corporation is: Perpetual.

ARTICLE III

The address of its initial Registered Office in the State of Missouri is: Calvary Baptist Church, Baltimore Avenuc at 39th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Conrad R. Willard, and the principal office for the transaction of business of the corporation shall be located in the Administration Building of the Seminary when built in or near the city

limits of Kansas City, Missouri, but it may maintain offices and places of business in other places in the State of Missouri.

ARTICLE IV

The first Board of Trustees shall be 29 in number, their names and addresses as chosen by the Southern Baptist Convention in June 1957, and as agreed to in these Articles of Incorporation, being as follows:

(a) Those whose terms expire in 1958:

Name	Number	City	State
John W. Watson	502 Oregon Drive	Modesto	California
Joe F. Weber	Calvary Baptist Church	Portales	New Mexico
Thomas J. Welch	305 Wood Avenue	Monticello	Arkansas
O. R. Shields	1710 Mississippi	St. Louis	Missouri
Conrad R. Willard	Calvary Baptist Church	Kansas City	Missouri

(b) Those whose terms expire in 1959:

Name	Number	City	State
LeRoy Parker	Ashboro St. Baptist Ch.	Greensboro	North Carolina
Thomas R. Shreeve	2601 Randolph Road	Silver Springs	Maryland
W. L. Scurlock	6811 Piney Branch Road	Washington 12	D. C.
Luther J. Thompson	3812 West Capital	Jackson	Mississippi
Laurence W. Cleland	First Baptist Church	Cape Girardeau	Missouri
John B. Pew	525 Argyle Building	Kansas City	Missouri

(c) Those whose terms expire in 1960:

Name	Number	City	State
John L. Rybert	1332 Stewart Avenue S.W.	Atlanta	Georgia
L. D. Johnson	166 Marshall Terrace	Danville	Virginia
Malcolm B. Knight	Southside Baptist Church	Jacksonville	Florida
Norman McCrummin	First Baptist Church	Selma	Alabama
R. Lofton Hudson	Wemall Rd. Baptist Ch.	Kansas City	Missouri
Joe Hurst	8308 Sagamore	Kansas City	Missouri

(d) Those whose terms expire in 1961:

Name	Number	City	State
Don Dillow		Easton	Illinois
Harley Tate	Carson-Newman College	Jefferson City	Tennessee
W. Barry Garrett	P.O. Box 590	Phoenix S.W.	Arizona
Robert Humphreys	1520 Miller Court	Owensboro	Kentucky
Earl Harding	Mo. Baptist Bldg.	Jefferson City	Missouri
H. I. Hester	Wm. Jewell College	Liberty	Missouri

(e) Those whose terms expire in 1962:

Name	Number	City	State
Truman Aldridge		Minden	Louissana
Woodson Arms	Polytechn Baptist Ch.	Fort Worth	Texas
Edward L. Byrd	First Baptist Church	Florence	South Carolina
Clayborn Deering	1312 South Penn	Oklahoma City	Oklahoma
Charles F. Curry	20 West 9th Street	Kansas City	Missouri
W. Ross Edwards	Swope Park Baptist Ch	Kansas City	Missouri

ARTICLE V

The objects and purposes for which this corporation is organized are: to establish, maintain, and operate schools and institutions of learning for the educational and missionary training of Christian workers, for all kinds and character of Christian service, and to confer degrees; having full authority to do all things necessary to put into execution the purposes for which this corporation is created.

ARTICLE VI

The corporation shall have one member, the Southern Baptist Convention, a religious nonprofit corporation chartered by act of the Senate and House of Representative of the State of Georgia. The annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention shall constitute the annual meeting of the Member. Any other meeting of the Member may occur only as provided in the Southern Baptist Convention's governing instruments.

In addition to other rights vested in the Member by these Articles, the Member shall have the right to vote to approve: merger; consolidation; dissolution; or the sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge or other disposition of all, or substantially all, property and assets of the corporation; in the annual meeting or through the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, the establishment of a subsidiary corporation or a controlling interest in any other legal entity or form for conducting the corporation's affairs.

The Southern Baptist Convention may remove a trustee prior to the expiration of the trustee's term for any reason deemed sufficient to the Convention, the election and removal of trustees by the Convention being religious acts within the scope of the free exercise of the Convention's religion under the Constitution of the United States.

a. The removal of a trustee must be approved by the messengers to an annual meeting of the Convention in accordance with the following process:

- (1) The Convention cannot consider a motion to remove a trustee unless written notice of intent to remove the trustee was received by the president of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention on or before the preceding January 15. The notice may be given by or on behalf of the Board of Directors or

by any member of a church cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention. The president of the Executive Committee shall be responsible for informing the trustee in question, the corporation, and the editor of *Baptist Press* that the trustee's removal has been proposed.

- (2) If the president of the Executive Committee did not receive timely notice of intent to remove, then any motion at the annual Convention to remove a trustee shall be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and report to the next annual session of the Convention, which may consider and vote upon removal of the trustee.
 - (3) No single motion may undertake to remove more than one trustee. A motion to remove a trustee shall be adopted if it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the messengers present and voting.
- b. If the motion to remove a trustee is adopted, the removal shall be effective immediately upon delivery to the entity's secretary of a written notice of removal signed by the president or recording secretary of the Convention. Any vote in favor of the removal of a trustee shall be deemed as having conclusively established the sufficiency of any reason for removal. There shall be no right of judicial review concerning the removal of a trustee at any point in the removal process.

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the corporation's Board of Directors, also by custom referred to as the Board of Trustees. Except to the extent these Articles vest rights in the Member, all the corporate powers of this corporation shall be exercised by a board of 35 trustees, to be elected or appointed in the manner hereinafter set forth, who shall have control and management of the operations of this corporation, including the right to incur indebtedness, to borrow money, to issue notes, bonds or other obligations for value received by the corporation and to secure the same by pledge or mortgage of the property of the corporation.

As soon as the Board of Trustees shall have been elected or appointed, it shall meet and elect from its members a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and the two latter offices may be held by one person as may from time to time be determined by the Board of Trustees, and may at said meeting or from time to time thereafter appoint such other officers, agents, representatives and employees as may in its judgment be necessary for the proper conduct and management of the affairs entrusted to its charge, including the appointment of a faculty of the said Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Inc. The Board of Trustees may, at its discretion, designate the title of its president to be that of chairman, and the title of its vice-president to be that of vice-chairman.

It may also appoint general and specific committees out of its own membership to forward the business of the corporation and to advise and assist the officers and Board of Trustees in any matter delegated to the care of such

committee. The Board of Trustees may also create an Executive Committee of not less than five of its own members to sit during the recess of the Board with such powers as may be delegated from time to time to said committee by the said Board. All officers, agents, representatives, committees, faculties, or others serving the said corporation shall hold their said appointments and offices at the pleasure of the said Board of Trustees.

The said Board of Trustees shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in such manner and for such terms as may be from time to time prescribed by the said Convention or at the time of the election of said Board; except, however, that ten of said trustees shall be elected from states within an approximate five-hundred mile radius of the campus, with not less than five of these from the state of Missouri and one-fifth of the entire number shall retire each year upon the election of their successors.

Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Board of Trustees in the interim between the annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention may be filled by the remaining members of the Board who for this purpose but no other may nominate and elect members to fill such vacancies. Such members thus elected shall serve until the next annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, and if for any reason it shall fail to elect such members at the annual meeting, the members of the Board of Trustees then in office shall continue until their successors are duly elected, qualified and installed.

~~This corporation having been organized under the authority of the Southern Baptist Convention is hereby declared to be affiliated with and controlled by that Convention, and the Board of Trustees shall always be elected or appointed by said Convention in the manner hereinabove set forth, or as said Convention may from time to time provide for the election of the Board of Trustees or the officers or directors of said Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Inc. Said corporation shall furthermore be subject at all times to such by-laws, rules and regulations for the said corporation as may be prescribed by said Southern Baptist Convention, either with particular reference to said Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Inc., or for general application to all corporations of like nature affiliated with and under the control of said Southern Baptist Convention.~~

ARTICLE VII.

All citations or other legal process shall be served on the Chairman or, in his absence, on the Vice-Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer, respectively, and in the absence of them all in the manner provided for service on domestic and business corporations.

ARTICLE VIII:

~~This corporation shall have no capital stock and its membership shall be limited to the persons appointed or elected by the Southern Baptist Convention to serve as the Board of Trustees of the same, and accordingly said Board of~~

~~Trustees shall for all purposes be considered and treated as the sole membership of the corporation, exercising all the powers, rights, prerogatives and duties vested by law in corporations of this character.~~

ARTICLE ~~IX~~ VIII.

This corporation shall have full power and authority to make, have and use a common seal, with such device and inscription as it shall deem proper; to contract, sue and be sued, to make rules and by-laws, and to do everything which may be necessary and proper to carry out the purposes for which the Corporation was created.

ARTICLE ~~X~~ IX.

This corporation shall have the power to take, receive and hold property, real and personal, by purchase, exchange, donations or otherwise, including money, service and all things of value whatsoever, and to employ and dispose of the same in any manner permitted by the terms of the acquisition by these articles, by the laws of this state or by the action of the Southern Baptist Convention aforesaid.

ARTICLE ~~XI~~ X.

~~The resignation or death of any member of this corporation shall not entitle such member or his heirs to any share in, or claim upon the property that may be owned by this corporation, nor shall any informalities in these articles of incorporation render any member liable for the debts of the corporation, except to the extent of his unpaid donation or contribution.~~

ARTICLE ~~XII~~ X.

This corporation may not be dissolved except by the authorization of the Southern Baptist Convention expressed and recorded, and then only by not less than a two-thirds vote of the Board of Trustees at a meeting called for that purpose after at least sixty calendar days' notice of said meeting in writing, to be given to each member trustee through the mail addressed to his last known place of residence.

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its affairs shall be liquidated by three commissioners chosen from the Board of Trustees or otherwise as may be directed by the Southern Baptist Convention or under the authority of the same. Said Commissioners are hereby vested with full authority to sell and dispose of the assets, property and effects of the corporation in liquidation, including the power to convey title and sign all deeds and documents necessary to that end, and, after paying its just debts and the cost and expenses of the liquidation, the compensation of the Commissioners, if any, shall have been authorized by the Southern Baptist Convention, the remainder of the monies, property and effects of the corporation shall be paid and delivered to the Treasurer of Southern Baptist Convention, which is hereby vested with full and complete ownership of the

proceeds of said liquidation and the said Treasurer shall upon such payment and delivery be authorized to execute a full and complete discharge to the said commissioners in the premises.

ARTICLE XXXI.

These articles may be amended with the assent of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Board of Trustees at a general meeting convened for that purpose at least sixty calendar days' notice of said meeting in writing, to be given to each member through the mail, addressed to his last known place of residence, provided that these Articles of Incorporation may not be amended, altered or repealed without the express prior consent of the Southern Baptist Convention, duly recorded in the annual minutes of said Convention.

ARTICLE XXXII.

The Names and Post Office addresses of the incorporators of the MIDWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, INC. are as follows:

Name		Post Office Address
H. I. Hester	William Jewell College	Liberty, Missouri
Charles F. Curry	20 West 9 th Street	Kansas City, Missouri
W. Ross Edwards	2521 E. Meyer Blvd.	Kansas City, Missouri
R. Lofton Hudson	400 West Meyer Blvd.	Kansas City, Missouri
Joe Hurst	c/o Commerce Trust Co.	Kansas City, Missouri
John B. Pew	525 Argyle Building	Kansas City, Missouri
Conrad R. Willard	Baltimore Ave. at 39 th St.	Kansas City, Missouri
Earl Harding	c/o Mo. Baptist Bldg.	Jefferson City, Missouri

45. Neal H. Walls (GA) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 14, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 14: Restatement of the Articles of Incorporation of The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention approve the Restated Articles of Incorporation of The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, which contain new language making the Southern Baptist Convention the sole member of The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and clarifying the Convention's right to trustee removal, as follows:

RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Pursuant to Articles 1396-4.03 and 1396-4.06 of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act (the "Act"), THE SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (the "Seminary") adopts the following Restated Articles of Incorporation, which accurately copy the original Articles of Incorporation and all amendments thereto that are in effect to date and as further amended as set forth below and which contain no other changes in any provision thereof.

The Articles of Incorporation of the Seminary are amended by these Restated Articles of Incorporation as follows: (i) to state the name of the Member of the Seminary, (ii) to provide for perpetual duration, (iii) to provide for matters concerning the management of the Seminary, (iv) to provide for matters concerning the qualification, terms of office, election, and removal of directors, and (v) to make other minor technical amendments.

Each amendment made by these Restated Articles of Incorporation has been effected in conformity with the provisions of the Act, and these Restated Articles of Incorporation and each amendment made were duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Seminary on the 9th day of March 1999, and approved by the sole Member of the Seminary, the Southern Baptist Convention, on the 15th day of June 1999.

The Articles of Incorporation and all amendments and supplements thereto are hereby superseded by the following Restated Articles of Incorporation, which accurately copy the entire text thereof and as amended as set forth above:

ARTICLE I

The name of the Corporation is THE SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

ARTICLE II

The Corporation shall have one Member, the Southern Baptist Convention, a religious non-profit corporation chartered by act of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Georgia.

ARTICLE III

The primary purpose of the Corporation is to provide theological education for men and women preparing for Christian ministry.

ARTICLE IV

The Corporation shall have its domicile and place of business at Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas, and the educational institution for the support of which this Corporation is organized shall be established and maintained in said City of Fort Worth. The address of the Corporation's registered agent is 2001 West Seminary Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76115, and the name of its registered agent at that address is Hubert R. Martin, Jr.

ARTICLE V

The period of the Corporation's duration is perpetual.

ARTICLE VI

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Corporation's Board of Directors, also by custom referred to as the Board of Trustees, except to the extent the Act vests powers in the Member, and further to the extent these articles or the bylaws of the Corporation vest powers in the Member which would otherwise be vested in the Board of Trustees. The power to alter, amend, or repeal the bylaws of the Corporation is vested solely in the Board of Trustees.

An amendment of the articles of incorporation; merger; consolidation; the sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all, or substantially all, of the property and assets of the Corporation; shall occur only after approval of the Southern Baptist Convention. The acquisition by the Corporation of a controlling interest in, or the establishment of, a subsidiary corporation or any other legal entity or form for conducting its affairs shall occur only after approval of the Southern Baptist Convention or its Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII

The qualifications and term of office of a trustee, the number of trustees constituting the Board of Trustees, and any increase or decrease from time to time of the number of trustees, shall be determined by the Southern Baptist Convention according to the provisions of the Constitution of the Convention. The election of trustees shall occur by the act of the Southern Baptist Convention. Vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees, and any trusteeship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of trustees, shall be filled by the Southern Baptist Convention. No decrease in the number of trustees shall have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent trustee. In the event of a vacancy, not caused by reason of an increase in the number of trustees, the Board of Trustees may fill a vacancy by an interim appointment pending the filling of the vacancy by the Southern Baptist Convention for the unexpired term of the trustee's predecessor in office. If for any reason the Southern Baptist Convention fails to fill a vacancy, not caused by reason of an increase in the number of trustees, at the next annual session after the vacancy occurs, the Board of Trustees shall fill the vacancy.

The term of office of a trustee shall be five years unless the trustee is elected to fill an unexpired term (or is elected to fill a vacancy until the Southern Baptist Convention elects a trustee to fill the unexpired term). A trustee shall hold office until the expiration of the term to which the trustee is elected, or until the trustee is no longer qualified, or is removed, or until a successor is elected and qualified.

The Board of Trustees shall consist of one member chosen from each cooperating state (including the District of Columbia) of the Southern Baptist Convention and ten members at large from the city or vicinity in which the Corporation is located, but not more than two local trustees shall be chosen from the same church.

The trustees shall be divided into five groups as nearly equal as possible and one group shall be elected each year to serve five years. A trustee having served two full terms of five years shall not be eligible for re-election until as much as one year has elapsed after the trustee has served two full terms.

In all cases, trustees elected shall be citizens of the states composing the Southern Baptist Convention and shall be members of regular Baptist churches in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention.

ARTICLE VIII

The Southern Baptist Convention may remove a trustee prior to the expiration of the trustee's term for any reason deemed sufficient to the Convention, the election and removal of trustees by the Convention being religious acts within the scope of the free exercise of the Convention's religion under the Constitution of the United States.

ARTICLE IX

The number of trustees constituting the current Board of Trustees for the Corporation is 38 and the names, addresses, and terms of the persons who are to serve as trustees until the next annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, until the end of their term, or until their successors are elected and qualified are:

Trustees:	Address:	Term Ends:
David L. Allen	4010 Gaston Ave., Dallas, TX 75246	1999
Robert E. Anderson	2052 W. Magna Carta Pl., Baton Rouge, LA 70815	2002
Craig Athenon	2823 Wedgewood, Wichita, KS 67204	1999
Larry J. Brown	10 Normandy Pkwy., Morristown, NJ 07960	2000
Willie R. Brunfield	6949 Hwy. 61 S., Vicksburg, MS 39180	2003
Robert C. Burch	1701 Cove Creek Ln., Knoxville, TN 37919	2000
Stephen M. Cloud	1303 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia, SC 29169	1999
Laura Lee Cogswell	1118 Tate Circle, Sherman, TX 75090	1999
Ron Coppock	680 N. Monroe Dr., Xenia, OH 45385	2002
Gerald E. Dacus	20425 E. La Puente Rd., Walnut, CA 91789	1999
Michael D. Dean	3041 Travis Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76130	2000
Robert L. Dodridge	1001 E. Southern Ave., Tempe, AZ 85282-5489	2003
Bonny Elliott	45 Forest Glen Dr., Imperial, PA 15126	1999
Ronald G. Emmerling	3802 Bennett Ave., Flint, MI 48506	2000
E. Dean Gage	9561 Twelve Oaks Ln., College Station, TX 77845	2002
David Galvan	5225 Spring Lake, Garland, TX 75043	2001
Charles A. Lawson	914 Wanda Rd., Linthicum, MD 21090-1808	1999
Jim Leftwich	2711 Harbor City Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32935	2003
Arthur L. Mallory	2823 E. Covington Cir., Springfield, MO 65804	2000
Michael D. Marshall	5305 Corkran Lane, Temple Hills, MD 20748	1999
Richard L. Mason	RR #3, Box 54, Fairfield, IL 62837	2000
Richard McClure	601 E. Rosewood, Hugo, OK 74743-8049	2003
Matthew F. McKellar	2803 SSE Loop 323, Tyler, TX 75701	2001
A. David McLendon	1814 N. County Line Rd., Lithia Springs, GA 30122	2002
Eddie Miller	4210 Farm District Rd., Fernley, NV 89408	2001
Mark Payton	123 Quisenberry Ave., Danville, KY 40422	2001
Ralph W. Pulley Jr.	6643 Garlinghouse, Dallas, TX 75252	2002
Ted Russell	437 Parkland Dr., Aztec, NM 87410	2001
Edward A. Sauer	8101 Valley Forge Rd., Fort Smith, AR 72903	2001
Miles Seaborn Jr.	9100 N. Normandsale, Fort Worth, TX 76116	2003
R. E. Smith	300 Timber Tr., Southlake, TX 76092	2003

Ted Stone	P. O. Box 1197, Durham, NC 27702	2002
Lo Walker	13695 SW Hargis Rd., Beaverton, OR 97008	2003
Philip A. Walker	97 Garr Ave., Culpeper, VA 22701	2001
L. Sid West	633 Lower Huntington Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46819	2002
Danny L. Williams	13058 Dyanita Dr., Thornton, CO 80241	2003
William W. Wyrick	205 East Dr., Princeton, WV 24740	2001
Ronnie H. Yarber	1729 Gross Rd., Mesquite, TX 75149	2002

ARTICLE X

The Corporation shall have such rights, powers, and duties as provided by the Act. The Corporation shall have the power by its Board of Trustees and upon the recommendation of its faculty, to confer upon any person any of the degrees usually conferred by theological seminaries or other degrees arising from its curriculum.

ARTICLE XI

The Corporation shall at all times be operated as a non-profit corporation. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its trustees, officers, or other private individuals or persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for goods and services rendered and to make payments in furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

Upon dissolution, after all creditors of the Corporation have been paid, the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed to the Southern Baptist Convention, a Georgia nonprofit religious corporation, if the Southern Baptist Convention then qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. If the Southern Baptist Convention does not then qualify, the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed, as determined by the Board of Trustees, to one or more organizations which do qualify as an exempt organization.

ARTICLE XII

The Corporation shall have the right to acquire, hold, and dispose of funds, lands, and personal property for the purposes and objects of the Corporation; provided that the principal of funds, or lands, or property given for permanent endowment shall never be applied to current expenses or equipment or in any other way diverted from the purpose for which they were given, which, however, does not preclude any necessary or expedient change in the form of investment. The Corporation is authorized to receive, enjoy, and employ all donations, bequests, and legacies that may be given to it, and to create any general and special endowment funds.

ARTICLE XIII

The Corporation is fostered and supported by the Southern Baptist Convention, a Georgia corporation, the purpose of which is to provide a general organization for Baptists in the United States and its territories to promote Christian missions, Christian education, benevolent enterprises, and social services which further the Kingdom of God. The Corporation is subject to the spiritual control and leadership of the Convention, and the activities of the Corporation shall be guided by, and subject to, any articles of faith which are embraced by the Convention, and which may be amended or altered by the Convention from time to time.

ARTICLE XIV

The power to alter or amend the articles of incorporation is vested in the Board of Trustees, subject to the advice and consent of the Southern Baptist Convention, said action by the Southern Baptist Convention being duly recorded upon the Minutes of said Convention.

46. Congregational praise and worship was led by David Nelson (NC), chapel worship leader, instructor of theology, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest.
47. Armour Patterson (TX), son of SBC President Paige Patterson, introduced his father, who then gave the president's address.
48. Worship in music was presented by Faithful Men, a singing group of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest.
49. The benediction was given by Charles S. Kelley, Sr. (TX), retired, Kelley-Hixson Funeral Home, Beaumont.

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50. Inspirational music was presented by Chris Machen (TX), concert artist, songwriter, Prestonwood Baptist Church, Dallas.
51. Otis Ingram (GA), president, Ingram & LeGrand Lumber Co., Macon, led in prayer.
52. Ken Whitten presented the second report of the Committee on Order of Business, and announced the motions to be referred, as required by SBC Bylaw 21, for later consideration at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday evening: Pinckney (Item 18), Barber (Item 24); at 6:40 p.m. on Wednesday evening: Drake (Item 19) and Drake (Item 25). As required by SBC Bylaw 26(2) the following motions were referred: to the six Southern Baptist seminaries: Rogers (Item 15); to all Convention entities: Roberts (Item 17); to the North American Mission Board: Anthony (Item 16), Walshe (Item 22), Fain (Item 23) and Boswell (Item 28); to LifeWay Christian Resources: Henry (Item 20) and Boswell (Item 28); to the Annuity Board: Mack (Item 21); to the Executive Committee: Mack (Item 21) and Moser (Item 26); and to the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission: Drake (Item 27). Motion ruled out of order was Dye (Item 29). Motion to accept the report carried.
53. Point of order by T.C. Pinckney (VA) to correct an earlier statement by J. Robert White (GA) that the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia gives a higher percentage than any other state convention to the Cooperative Program (44%). Pinckney stated that two state conventions, Southern Baptists of Texas Convention and Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia give 50% of undesignated receipts to the Cooperative Program.
54. President Paige Patterson introduced the time for introduction of motions.
55. Robert Philbeck (NC) presented a motion: **On Requesting Convention to Disband From Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.**

"I move that this Convention disband ourselves from the entity known as the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, allowing them to derive their standing contributions from the Annuity Board and freeing them as a separate denomination to carry forth their ministry. We separate wishing them godspeed in their efforts." (Items 55 and 107)

56. Joe Waldorff (AL) presented a motion: **On Collecting at Annual Meeting an Offering for Homeless and Needy of Host City.**

"I move that we the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, June 1999, do hereby establish that an offering will be collected at each annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention wherever it should meet for the purpose of assisting the homeless and/or needy of that city.

"That this offering be entrusted to the local Baptist association of that city to be properly distributed to the homeless and/or needy of that city or area in the fairest and most Christian manner, and in the event of no functioning Baptist association local to that city, the funds will be entrusted to a Baptist church in that city or area with the administrative capabilities to properly distribute the offering to the homeless or needy of that city in the fairest and most Christian manner, and

"That each Southern Baptist church and each association will be encouraged through annual mailings prior to the convening of each Southern Baptist Convention to contribute to this offering for the expressed purpose of aiding the homeless and/or needy of the city where the SBC is held, and

“That this offering is not intended to undermine or demean the wonderful work of our North American Mission Board, but rather serve to enhance the efforts and purpose of all Christians ” (Items 56 and 107)

57. Morris H. Chapman announced the presentation of the Executive Committee Report, Part 2. Chapman introduced James G. Merritt who recognized Jerry L. Spencer (AL).
58. Jerry L. Spencer moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 9, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 9: Resolution of Appreciation for Dellanna W. O'Brien, Executive Director-Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the following Resolution of Appreciation for Dellanna W. O'Brien, on the occasion of her retirement as executive director-treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
FOR DELLANNA W. O'BRIEN**

WHEREAS, Dellanna W. O'Brien will retire September 1, 1999, after ten years as executive director-treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Union; and

WHEREAS, She provided exemplary leadership in her tenure with the Woman's Missionary Union; and

WHEREAS, During her service as executive director-treasurer, she distinguished herself by effectively promoting the cause of missions in North America and around the world; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure, giving for North American and International missions reached record levels; and

WHEREAS, She served the Lord eight years as missionary to Indonesia with the Foreign Mission Board; and

WHEREAS, She consistently demonstrated concern for the well-being of missionaries and their children, writing curriculum and addressing the educational needs of missionary children; and

WHEREAS, She graduated from the Baptist educational institution, Hardin-Simmons University; and

WHEREAS, Her professional contributions have been acknowledged by the award of honorary doctorates from Hardin-Simmons University, the University of Richmond, and Judson College; and

WHEREAS, Hardin-Simmons University honored her accomplishments with the Distinguished Alumni Award; and

WHEREAS, She and her husband, William R. O'Brien, established a Christian home in which they raised three children, Denise, Erin, and William; and

WHEREAS, Her contributions to Southern Baptist life have been numerous and distinguished; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, February 22-23, 1999, and the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, June 15-16, 1999, express gratitude to God for the life and ministry of Dellanna W. O'Brien; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention expresses best wishes to Dellanna and William O'Brien for the years ahead and assures them of our prayers.

59. James G. Merritt recognized Herb Hollinger, vice president for Convention News, Executive Committee, for the report of the Denominational Press.
60. Morris H. Chapman introduced Richard D. Land, president of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, to give the report of the Great Commission Council Task Force on Drug and Alcohol Abuse. The report requested: (1) The seminaries require as a part of their curriculum, the inclusion of ministry training to help those who are victimized by drug and alcohol abuse; (2) A call to churches to lead their members to refrain from the use of alcohol and other drugs. The messengers were requested to sign cards affirming their commitment to abstinence from drugs and alcohol.
61. President Paige Patterson passed the gavel to Rick Ferguson (CO), first vice president. Ferguson opened the floor for nominations for president of the Convention.
62. Junior Hill (AL) nominated Paige Patterson for president.
63. Since there were no other nominations, Lee Porter cast the ballot in behalf of the Convention electing Paige Patterson for SBC president.
64. James T. (Jimmy) Draper, Jr., president, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, presented the LifeWay Christian Resources Report. Three questions were asked: 1) Dennis J. Conner (NC) asked about the perception of LifeWay being in more of a profit motif rather than an organization of service to the churches; 2) Scooter Simmons (VA) asked about the use of translations other than the King James Version; 3) Stanley Scott (TN) asked why LifeWay advertising indicates sponsorship by a non-profit entity instead of the Southern Baptist Convention.
65. James T. (Jimmy) Draper, Jr. made a LifeWay Christian Resources presentation to Paul Pressler (TX) for his new book, *A Hill On Which To Die*. Leather bound copies were presented to Pressler and to SBC President Paige Patterson.
66. Richard Ross (TN), co-chairman, youth ministry consultant, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, and Dean Finley (GA), co-chairman, associate director, Student Evangelism Team, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, presented YouthLink 2000.
67. Congregational praise and worship was led by Jeff Blevins (CO), minister of music and worship, Applewood Baptist Church, Wheatridge.
68. Kenneth S. Hemphill (TX), chairman, Council of Seminary Presidents, introduced the report for all seminaries with a video presentation.
69. Following the video presentation, which included testimonies by R. Albert Mohler, Jr. (KY), president, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; Kenneth S. Hemphill (TX), president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth; William O. (Bill) Crews (CA), president, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley;

Charles S. (Chuck) Kelley, Jr. (LA), president, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans; Paige Patterson (NC), president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest; and Mark T. Coppenger (MO), president, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, each seminary president gave a brief report.

70. Michael Wolfe (PA) asked about future planning for a theological seminary at the Northeast School of Ministry. Muller responded that Southern is involved with the Northeast School of Ministry and will expand its programs if Cooperative Program funding is made available.
71. President Paige Patterson announced the time for the second election of officers.
72. James G. Merritt nominated D. Franklin Cox (GA) for first vice president.
73. Lee Porter cast the Convention vote for D. Franklin Cox, and he was elected first vice president.
74. President Paige Patterson announced the last opportunity for introduction of new motions.
75. Jack Barrett (VA) presented a motion: **On Listing Pastors and Churches by Location in *SBC Annual*.**

"I move that the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention add to the *SBC Annual* (in addition to the listing of pastors and churches alphabetically) a section listing pastors and churches by state and town, or make available to churches software with such information.

"This would allow pastors and churches to locate assistance in other parts of the country in emergency or crisis situations or member transfer." (Items 75 and 107)

76. Sparkie Sparks (AL) raised a point of order regarding President Patterson's family. Patterson responded.
77. Herman Meister (FL) presented a motion: **On Expanding Annuity Board Coverage to Include Church Sponsored Christian School Employees.**

"I move that the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention enlarge its constituency of full-time paid church employees eligible for matching funds to include Christian school teachers of sponsoring Southern Baptist churches with day school ministries, and to be subject to all rights and privileges of full-time church paid staff members, seeing that day school teachers are as much of a part of the church as is the office or custodial staff." (Items 77 and 107)

78. Wayne Key (NC) presented a motion: **On Placing the Christian and American Flags on the Platform at Annual Meetings.**

"I move that the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, 1999, instruct the program committee of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting to place the Christian and American flags in a prominent place on the platform of future annual meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention." (Items 78 and 107)

79. Kent Cochran (MO) presented a motion: **On Requesting a Study Committee to Clarify the Missions Focus of the Cooperative Program.**

"I move that the president of the Southern Baptist Convention appoint a committee to study and report back to this Convention meeting next year in Orlando on ways, including a possible name change, to make the missions focus of the Cooperative Program inescapably clear." (Items 79 and 107)

80. Rick Henson (LA) presented a motion: **On Requesting a Study of Term Limits for All Elected SBC Officers.**

"I move that the Executive Committee study setting term limits on all elected officers of our convention, grand-fathering in those currently serving in positions without term limits." (Items 80 and 107)

81. Debra Kepler (FL) presented a motion: **On Reevaluating Seating for Handicapped Messengers at Annual Meetings.**

"I move that because of the problem hearing over the noise of background chatter from those not interested in the business at hand, I would like to make a motion to appoint a committee, or refer to the proper existing committee, to review and evaluate the seating arrangement for the handicapped and those unable to use stadium seating.

Perhaps floor seating on convention level or a quiet zone behind the seating could be established with convention personnel placed in strategic locations to help maintain a lower level of background noise, so that we may be good stewards of our time and properly represent our respective churches." (Items 81 and 107)

82. Randall E. Craft, Jr. (MS) presented a motion: **On Providing Churches With More Information on Legislative Process and Issues.**

"I move that the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission be authorized to:

1. Not only make available but also send information on current legislative matters of concern to the local churches in the Southern Baptist Convention.
2. Provide voting records of legislators to the local churches.
3. Develop necessary training to provide local churches with information on how to respectfully and in a Christ-like manner convey the following to their respective legislators.
 - A. Introduce and support legislation that is moral, ethical, and consistent with biblical principles on which the United States of America was founded.
 - B. Work however possible to bring this country back to those biblical principles.
 - C. Always choose right over wrong in their actions and decisions.

"I further move that the funds to convey this information to the local churches be appropriated." (Items 82 and 107)

83. Ellis Parson (TX) presented a motion: **On Using Same Scriptures for Adult and Youth Sunday School Literature.**

"I move that LifeWay coordinate adult and youth Sunday School literature with the same Scriptures, because in small rural churches we often must combine adult and youth Sunday School classes when teachers are absent." (Items 83 and 107)

84. Jack R. Kennedy (TN) presented a motion: **On Identifying Glorieta, Ridgecrest, and Bookstores as Baptist in Promotional Materials and on Signage.**

"I move that this Convention instruct LifeWay Christian Resources to identify permanently both Glorieta and Ridgecrest as Baptist entities in promotional materials and on physical signs which identify the property, and that the same permanent Baptist identification in promotional materials and on signs be made at LifeWay Christian Stores." (Items 84 and 107)

85. Russell Kaemmerling (TX) presented a motion: **On Producing Materials Contrasting the Bible and Freemasonry.**

"I move that the North American Mission Board, drawing from its previously done research, be requested to produce materials, suitable for distribution, contrasting truth as revealed in Scripture and the rite of freemasonry." (Items 85 and 107)

86. Joe Moran (KY) presented a motion: **On Requesting the SBC Constitution, Article V(2), Be Amended to Allow for Unlimited Term of SBC President.**

"I move that based on our denomination's commitment to the sufficiency of Scripture and based on that truth and authority of God, I move that Article V, No. 2, of the constitution read, "the term of office for the presidency be unlimited and a president be eligible for re-election at the end of each year of service." (Items 86 and 107)

87. Mike Everson (GA) presented a motion: **On Requesting a Study of Impact and Influence of Unbiblical Worship Practices in Southern Baptist Churches.**

"I move that the SBC Executive Committee study the impact and influence of Southern Baptist churches involved in non-Biblical worship practices (such as being slain in the spirit, the practice of ecstatic utterances, convulsive laughter, and ongoing extra-Biblical revelations) on Southern Baptist life." (Items 87 and 107)

88. Russell D. Moore (KY) presented a motion: **On Requesting Inclusion of SBC President's Report and Convention Sermon in *SBC Annual*.**

"I move that the texts of the SBC president's report and the Convention sermon be published each year in the *SBC Annual*, beginning with the 1999 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention." (Items 88 and 107)

89. Mark Long (MS) presented a motion: **On Requesting the SBC Constitution, Article III(1&2), Be Amended to Base Messenger Representation on Church CP Giving.**

"I move that Article III, Sections 1 and 2, be amended to read as follows: '1. One (1) messenger for any portion of the first 1% of its undesignated receipts given undesignated to the Cooperative Program from each church which...' and '2. One (1) additional messenger from each such church for each additional percentage of its undesignated receipts given undesignated to the Cooperative Program of the Convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting; with all fractions rounded in the standard way, under ½ rounded down, ½ and above rounded up.'

I further move that this body of messengers be allowed to vote on this motion without it being referred to committee." (Items 89 and 107)

90. C. B. Scott (NC) presented a motion: **On Requesting Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, to State Whether It Agrees or Disagrees With President Bill Clinton's Pro-Homosexual Stance.**

"I move that in light of the recent proclamation of President William Jefferson Clinton concerning the month of June being National Gay & Lesbian Pride Month, and

In light of Article III, Section 1, of the SBC Constitution, which provides that 'among churches not in cooperation with the Convention are churches which act to affirm, approve, or endorse homosexual behavior,'

I move that the 1999 SBC respectfully request that the Immanuel Baptist Church of Little Rock, Arkansas, state either its agreement or disagreement with the pro-homosexual stance of its prominent member, William Jefferson Clinton." (Items 90 and 107)

91. John F. Thompson, III (FL) presented a motion: **On Requesting that SBC Entities Not Schedule Meetings In Conflict With Crossover Events.**

"I move that the agencies of the SBC be instructed not to schedule meetings during Crossover events, thereby allowing those committed to those meetings to be freed up to participate in Crossover events, beginning with the Crossover Orlando, at the SBC in Orlando, Florida, in June of 2000, and continuing thereafter." (Items 91 and 107)

92. Ken Whitten moved that the time of business be extended by ten minutes. Motion carried.

93. Eddie Hatcher (NJ) presented a motion: **On Requesting that Annual Meeting Dates Be Reconsidered to Avoid Public School Schedule Conflicts.**

"I move that the Executive Committee revisit the question of the meeting dates of the Southern Baptist Convention by conducting a survey of our churches and the regions these churches service to discover the factors that determine Convention attendance." (Items 93 and 107)

94. Raymond Edge (TX) presented a motion: **On Conveying Strong Support for Israel's New Prime Minister.**

"I move that we, the SBC, convey in the strongest terms possible our support and prayers for Ehud Barak, newly elected Prime Minister of Israel and for the state of Israel, especially during the next crucial year when they will possibly be asked to accept a Palestinian state." (Items 94 and 107)

95. Wiley Drake (CA) presented a motion: **On Establishing a Billboard Campaign for Crossover Orlando to Appeal to Homosexuals.**

"I move that the Convention ask NAMB to establish a billboard campaign, in preparation for Crossover Orlando to communicate God's love for the homosexual, and God's calling them to repentance and to come to salvation in Jesus Christ." (Items 95 and 107)

96. Alvin J. Rowe, III (VA) presented a motion: **On Requesting that More Awareness of Christian Persecution Be Fostered.**

"I move that the Southern Baptist Convention encourage the cooperating churches and the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission to give greater emphasis to the issue of persecuted Christians around the world, and to provide materials to the churches to inform the membership more fully on this vital issue." (Items 96 and 107)

97. James W. Jones (MI) presented a motion: **On Requesting that the Annual Meeting Be Held in Northern City.**

"I move that the Convention Arrangements Committee consider having the Convention in a northern city. (i.e. New York, Chicago, Washington D.C., Boston, Detroit, Cleveland)" (Items 97 and 107)

98. Jeffery Singletary (FL), campus pastor, Idlewild Baptist Church Central Campus, Tampa, led in prayer to close the afternoon session.

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 15

99. A concert of praise presented by the Riverside Mass Choir & Orchestra, Riverside Baptist Church and satellite congregations, Denver, Colorado, was directed by Joel Allen (CO), minister of music and worship, Riverside Baptist Church, Denver.
100. Joel Allen led congregational praise and worship.
101. Dean Nichols (AK), pastor, First Baptist Church, Kenai, led in prayer.
102. President Paige Patterson announced the time for the third election of officers for second vice president.
103. Stan Coffey (TX) nominated Jerry L. Spencer (AL) for second vice president.
104. Zach Zbinden (GA) nominated Paul Russell (FL) for second vice president.
105. Lee Porter instructed Convention messengers through the ballot vote.
106. A theme interpretation entitled "*He beheld the city and wept*" was given by Charles Lyons (IL), pastor, Armitage Baptist Church, Chicago.
107. Ken Whitten began the third report of the Committee on Order of Business by announcing that the following motions dealt with the internal operations of ministries of an entity of the Convention. Under SBC Bylaw 26, these motions are automatically referred by the Committee on Order of Business as follows: to the Executive Committee: Barrett (Item 75), Key (Item 78), Cochran (Item 79), Kepler (Item 81), Moore (Item 88), Hatcher (Item 93), and Jones (Item 97); to the Annuity Board: Meister (Item 77); to the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission: Craft (Item 82) and Rowe (Item 96); to LifeWay Christian Resources: Parson (Item 83) and Kennedy (Item 84); to the North American Mission Board: Kammerling (Item 85) and Drake (Item 95); and to all entities: Thompson (Item 91).
- The chairman continued the report by announcing it has been the Convention's long-standing practice to refer certain types of motions, especially those which would affect the SBC Constitution or Bylaws, to the Executive Committee for its consideration. Motion to refer to the Executive Committee the following motions carried: Waldorff (Item 56), Henson (Item 80), Moran (Item 86), Everson (Item 87), and Long (Item 89).
- The Committee on Order of Business ruled the following motions out of order: Philbeck (Item 55), Scott (Item 90), and Edge (Item 94).
108. Pinckney motion (Item 18) regarding the appointment of a study committee of the *Baptist Faith and Message* was brought to the floor for consideration.
109. T. C. Pinckney spoke in favor of his motion.
110. A. J. Smith (KY) spoke in favor of the motion.
111. The Convention voted by hand. The chair ruled that a ballot vote was necessary.
112. President Paige Patterson reread the motion and recognized Lee Porter for the ballot vote.
113. Lee Porter instructed the Convention on use of their ballots.
114. John L. Yeats (OK), SBC recording secretary, read into the record the submitted resolutions.
115. Barber (Item 24) requesting the Convention to take a straw poll regarding changing the name of the Southern Baptist Convention to the "International Baptist Convention" was brought to the floor for consideration.
116. Blaine Barber spoke in favor of his motion.
117. James McCullen (MO) offered an amendment to read "Scriptural Baptist Convention."
118. Darril Deaton (CT) spoke against the amendment.
119. The amendment failed.

120. Jeff Johnson (NM) spoke against Barber's motion.
121. Motion failed by floor vote.
122. Randall Jones (SC) was recognized by President Paige Patterson for a point of personal privilege. Jones asked for an adjustment to the temperature of the convention hall. The president referred the matter to the SBC staff.
123. Joel Allen led congregational praise and worship.
124. Robert E. (Bob) Reccord (GA), president, Alpharetta, presented the North American Mission Board report.
125. Lee Porter was recognized and announced the results of the ballot for second vice president. 3,523 ballots were cast: Spencer received 1,817 votes, Russell received 1,706.
126. President Paige Patterson declared Jerry L. Spencer as second vice president.
127. Lee Porter was recognized and announced the results of the ballot for Pinckney's motion (Item 18) to appoint a committee to review the *Baptist Faith and Message*. 4,294 ballots were cast: 2,327 For, 1,963 Against.
128. President Paige Patterson declared that Pinckney's motion carried.
129. President Paige Patterson called for a point of personal privilege to have special prayer by the Convention for Robert E. (Bob) Reccord.
130. A North American Mission Board presentation was given by Robert E. (Bob) Reccord using video and personal testimonies. The parents of Kassie Barnell, student martyr from Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, gave personal testimony. The presentation included a challenge: (1) every Christian can share Christ; (2) every Christian home can be a lighthouse of prayer; (3) every church can start a new church.
131. John Kuespert (MA), director of missions, New England Baptist Association, Northboro, gave the benediction to close the Tuesday evening session.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 16

- 132. A concert of praise presented by the Choir & Orchestra of Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, Georgia, was directed by Mark Cottingham (GA), minister of music.
- 133. Congregational praise and worship was led by Stephen Allen (CO), minister of music, First Southern Baptist Church, Pueblo.
- 134. Shannon Scott (NC), pastor, Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Raleigh, led in prayer.
- 135. A theme interpretation entitled "*He beheld the city and wept*" was given by Jay Strack (FL), president, The Jay Strack Evangelistic Association and Millennium Chorus, Inc., Orlando.
- 136. Dellanna W. O'Brien (AL), executive director-treasurer, Birmingham, and Wanda S. Lee (GA), president, Woman's Missionary Union, presented the Woman's Missionary Union report.
- 137. President Paige Patterson announced the time for the fourth election of officers for recording secretary.
- 138. Charles W. Sullivan (IN) nominated John L. Yeats (OK) for recording secretary.
- 139. Since there were no other nominations, President Paige Patterson called on Lee Porter to cast the Convention ballot for John L. Yeats.
- 140. President Paige Patterson declared John L. Yeats as recording secretary.
- 141. Ken Whitten made a motion to move the order of business forward. Motion carried.
- 142. Joel Allen led in congregational praise and singing.
- 143. President Paige Patterson recognized John L. Yeats, recording secretary, editor, *Baptist Messenger*, Oklahoma City. Yeats directed a messenger information survey for the Executive Committee.

	COUNT	PERCENT
A. Sex:		
Male	1,689	62.56
Female	1,011	37.44
Total	2,700	100.00
Overvotes	3	
Undervotes	58	
B. Your Age:		
Under 18	47	2.24
18-29	165	7.85
30-34	226	10.75
35-39	290	13.00
40-44	349	16.60
45-49	368	17.51
50-54	318	15.13
55-59	0	0.00
60-64	0	0.00
65 and UP	339	16.13
Total	2,102	100.00
C. Main Mode of Travel:		
Plane	419	15.72
Car	2,089	78.36
Bus	113	4.24
Other	45	1.69
Total	2,666	100.00
Overvotes	3	
Undervotes	92	

D. Current Church Total Membership:		
Under 100	114	4.25
100-199	323	12.03
200-299	336	12.51
300-499	626	23.31
500-999	694	25.85
1000-1999	385	14.34
2000 and UP	207	7.71
Total	2,685	100.00
Overvotes	17	
Undervotes	59	
E. Your Own Vocational Area:		
Church Staff	1,289	86.39
Home-Foreign Missions	33	2.21
Associational Missions	93	6.23
State Convention/Agency/Inst.	38	2.55
Denominational (Not Incl.)	26	1.74
Evangelism	13	0.87
Homemaking	0	0.00
All Others	0	0.00
Total	1,492	100.00
Overvotes	8	
Undervotes	1,261	
F. Spouse's Vocational Area:		
Don't have spouse	149	8.26
Church Staff	664	36.83
Home-Foreign Missions	29	1.61
Associational Missions	52	2.88
State Convention/Agency/Inst.	20	1.11
Denominational (Not Incl.)	22	1.22
Evangelism	0	0.00
Homemaking	0	0.00
All others	867	48.09
Total	1,803	100.00
Overvotes	8	
Undervotes	950	
G. Expenses:		
Under \$100	159	10.03
\$100-149	103	6.50
\$150-199	127	8.01
\$200-299	282	17.79
\$300-399	310	19.56
\$400-499	394	24.86
\$500-749	0	0.00
\$750-999	0	0.00
\$1,000-OVER	210	13.25
Total	1,585	100.00
Overvotes	3	
Undervotes	1,173	

H. Attendance by State:

Alabama	172	7.15	Nebraska	0	0.00
Alaska	4	0.17	Nevada	0	0.00
Arizona	8	0.33	New Hampshire	1	0.04
Arkansas	89	3.70	New Jersey	2	0.08
California	22	0.92	New Mexico	7	0.29
Colorado	12	0.50	New York	15	0.62
Connecticut	6	0.25	North Carolina	370	15.39
Delaware	0	0.00	North Dakota	4	0.17
District of Columbia	0	0.00	Ohio	52	2.16
Florida	192	7.99	Oklahoma	45	1.87
Georgia	345	14.35	Oregon	0	0.00
Hawaii	6	0.25	Pennsylvania	0	0.00
Idaho	3	0.12	Rhode Island	0	0.00
Illinois	62	2.58	South Carolina	156	6.49
Indiana	28	1.16	South Dakota	5	0.21
Iowa	1	0.04	Tennessee	208	8.65
Kansas	10	0.42	Texas	104	4.83
Kentucky	0	0.00	Utah	8	0.33
Louisiana	0	0.00	Vermont	1	0.04
Maine	0	0.00	Virginia	170	7.07
Maryland	33	1.37	Washington	0	0.00
Massachusetts	1	0.04	West Virginia	0	0.00
Michigan	7	0.29	Wisconsin	2	0.08
Minnesota	2	0.08	Wyoming	3	0.12
Mississippi	161	6.70	Total	2,404	100.00
Missouri	86	3.58	Overvotes	8	
Montana	1	0.04	Undervotes	349	

144. Al Jackson (AL), chairman, presented first report of the Committee on Resolutions. Twenty-nine resolutions were received and fourteen reported.

145. Al Jackson moved the adoption of Resolution 1, and it was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 -

ON THE PRIORITY OF GLOBAL EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS

WHEREAS, The Great Commission mandate of our Lord Jesus compels us to disciple the nations, and the Southern Baptist Convention was formed in 1845 for the explicit purpose of fulfilling our missions task; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists have supported missions faithfully and generously through giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering which exceeded \$100,000,000 in gifts in each of the last two years and to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering which exceeded \$40,000,000 in gifts in each of the last two years; and

WHEREAS, The Cooperative Program which was created in 1925 to provide an effective unified method for the churches to support mission endeavors, received record gifts for the sixth consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, Last year signaled an unprecedented advance in global evangelization at home and abroad with record increases in appointments of missionaries, over 5,000 new church starts around the world, and more than 750,000 baptisms; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists, recognizing the great opportunity for missions advance at the beginning of this new millennium, have reaffirmed the priority of the missions

mandate by adopting the "Covenant for a New Century" in 1995 which dedicated resources and ministries of the denomination to fulfilling the Great Commission and reaching the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, June 15-16, 1999, commend the churches for their commitment to missions and their faithful support of the Cooperative Program, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Cooperative Program, we encourage all of our churches to participate in the "Partners in the Harvest" celebration in 2000 and to support its goals of 1,000,000 baptisms, more volunteers on mission than ever before, and \$750,000,000 in mission giving through the Cooperative Program and the missions offerings; and

Be it finally **RESOLVED**, that we challenge every church to lead its members in personal evangelism ministries, to participate in volunteer mission projects, to mobilize those God calls to missionary service, to pray faithfully, and to give sacrificially so that the gospel of Jesus Christ could be proclaimed to all the peoples of the world.

146. Al Jackson moved the adoption of Resolution 2. President Paige Patterson took point of personal privilege to speak on behalf of Resolution 2, and it was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 - ON THE POWER, KNOWLEDGE, AND CHANGELESSNESS OF GOD

WHEREAS, The one true and living God has revealed Himself to us in the Holy Scriptures that we might have knowledge of Him; and

WHEREAS, The biblical doctrine of God is the first and central axiom of Christian theology; and

WHEREAS, The Bible reveals that God is the Maker, Preserver, and Ruler of all things and that He is infinite in His perfections; and

WHEREAS, Among these perfections revealed in the Bible are God's omnipotence, omniscience, and immutability, by which we affirm and confess His infinite power, knowledge, and changelessness; and

WHEREAS, These essential and biblical affirmations are now under attack by those who would revise the church's historic doctrine of God, and would deny or diminish God's omnipotence, omniscience, and immutability; teaching that God's power is limited, His knowledge is incomplete, and His character and nature can change; and

WHEREAS, Such compromises of the biblical doctrine of God imperil the church and threaten its witness.

Therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, on June 15-16, 1999, affirm the biblical teaching concerning the omnipotence, omniscience, and immutability of God and call upon all Christians to confess the living God of the Bible, whose attributes and powers are without limitation, and whose eternal purposes are realized in the saving work of Christ, the Son; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we affirm God as the Almighty, the Lord God who reigns omnipotent, and who rules the universe by the power of His Word; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we confess and proclaim that the omniscience of God extends to all creation and throughout all time, to all things actual and potential, even to the thoughts and actions of His conscious creatures, past, present, and future; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we acknowledge the immutability of God in whom there "is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17).

Be it finally **RESOLVED**, that we stand united in the faith precious to the church throughout the ages, and bear witness to the limitless majesty and glory of the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God.

147. Al Jackson moved the adoption of Resolution 3. Wiley Drake (CA) moved to amend the resolution. The amendment was seconded. Drake spoke for the amendment. Paul Kaneshiro (HI), Resolutions Committee member, spoke against the amendment. President Paige Patterson reread amendment and called for vote on the amendment. The amendment failed. President Paige Patterson called for vote of Resolution 3, and it was adopted (Item 157).

RESOLUTION NO. 3 - ON SCHOOL VIOLENCE

WHEREAS, Recent tragic events have highlighted the problem of school violence; and

WHEREAS, Many Christian students and teachers have stood faithfully, courageously, and publicly for their faith in the midst of such violence -- some even to the point of death -- whose witness has resulted in many trusting Christ for salvation; and

WHEREAS, This violence indicates a continued movement in our schools away from Christian values.

Therefore, be it **RESOLVED**, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, June 15-16, 1999, commend those students and teachers who have publicly stood for Christ even in the midst of violence in their schools; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we extend our sympathy and prayers to all those families who have been touched by school violence; and

Be it finally **RESOLVED**, that we call on all Christians to pray for an end to violence in our schools and work toward a return to Christian values within our educational system.

148. Al Jackson moved the adoption of Resolution 4. Carry Kimbrell (MS) moved to amend the resolution. Pat Pajak (IL), Resolutions Committee member, spoke against the amendment. Vote was taken on the amendment to the resolution. Amendment failed. Wiley Drake moved to amend the resolution. Amendment seconded. Drake spoke for his amendment. Jackson spoke against the amendment. Vote on Drake's amendment. Clear majority was not indicated, therefore ballot vote was taken.
149. Lee Porter instructed the Convention in the ballot vote.
150. Al Jackson moved the adoption of Resolution 5, and it was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 - ON THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION AND THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN

WHEREAS, The American Psychological Association has recently published an article in its *Psychological Bulletin* (July 1998, Vol. 124, No. 1) implying that "adult-child sex" may not be harmful and may be positive for so-called "willing" children; and

WHEREAS, The American Psychological Association, in order to clarify its position over against the authors of the study, has issued a public "Resolution Opposing Child Sexual Abuse;" and

WHEREAS, We affirm the American Psychological Association in its responsibility to clarify its opposition to so called "adult-child sexual relations;" and

WHEREAS, The Bible declares that children are precious gifts from God and are "an heritage of the Lord" (Ps. 127:3); and

WHEREAS, Parents are called by God to rear their children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4); and

WHEREAS, The spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional well-being of children is our sacred duty; and

WHEREAS, No civilization can long survive without protecting and nurturing its children; and

WHEREAS, The sexual abuse of children is a particularly heinous assault on the dignity of children; and

WHEREAS, The sexual abuse of children is not only clearly immoral but also illegal in the United States.

Be it RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, June 15-16, 1999, affirm the biblical witness and commit ourselves afresh to protecting our children against sexual abuse and other assaults on their persons; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we repudiate and denounce every suggestion that sexual relationships between adults and children may not be harmful or may be positive for so-called "willing" children; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we call upon our elected and appointed officials to reject and condemn, in the strongest possible terms, in both written and verbal form, any suggestion that sexual relations between children and adults are anything but abusive, destructive, exploitive, reprehensible, and punishable by law; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we urge policymakers and law enforcement officials to support and enforce laws against pedophilia, molestation, and other forms of sexual abuse; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we call on the American Psychological Association and other professional organizations to exercise appropriate editorial discretion in the future by refusing to publish studies or reports which attempt to normalize or legitimize immoral behavior, including "adult-child sex;" and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we encourage those who are victims of sexual abuse to seek appropriate spiritual counseling in order to find the support and strength they need to begin the process of healing from their terrible ordeal; and

Be it finally RESOLVED, that we commit ourselves to pray and work toward the creation of safe communities for all children.

151. Al Jackson moved the adoption of Resolution 6, and it was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 6 -
ON HALTING GENOCIDE AND ETHNIC CLEANSING**

WHEREAS, Ethnic cleansing is a crime against humanity in which one ethnic group expels members of other ethnic groups from towns and villages it conquers in order to create an enclave for members of their ethnic group; and

WHEREAS, Genocide is a crime against humanity in which one group dehumanizes and murders members of another people group – whether national, ethnic, or religious – with the intent to destroy that group completely; and

WHEREAS, In various parts of the world genocide and ethnic cleansing are being perpetrated by both recognized governments and other militant groups; and

WHEREAS, American troops have been deployed in peace-keeping and human-relief missions, risking their lives for the sake of refugees where ethnic cleansing and genocide have occurred; and

WHEREAS, The Bible teaches that all human beings are made in the image of God (Gen. 1:27), and therefore possess essential dignity as a gift from their Creator; and

WHEREAS, The scriptures also teach that it is wrong to murder (Gen. 9:6; Ex. 20:13); and

WHEREAS, Genocide and ethnic cleansing are particularly reprehensible crimes because God made “every nation of mankind to live on the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and boundaries of their habitation” (Acts 17:26); and

WHEREAS, The twentieth century has been characterized as “a century of mass murder” and has witnessed human atrocities on a scale heretofore unseen.

Be it therefore **RESOLVED**, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting June 15-16, 1999, in Atlanta, Georgia, declare our abhorrence of those governments and militant groups which support and commit such malicious violence; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we strongly urge the United States Congress, NATO, the United Nations, and other multinational bodies, to take immediate action to bring an end to those regimes which are guilty of crimes against humanity and to bring to justice those persons who are responsible for these heinous acts; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we commit ourselves to pray for, support, and encourage the victims of these injustices as well as those groups and agencies working to bring peace and alleviate suffering among the victims of genocide and ethnic cleansing; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we pledge our continuing support and prayer for our dear Baptist brethren and other evangelical Christians in their faithful witness under difficult circumstances; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we express our deepest gratitude to those courageous and faithful American military personnel who have served their nation and the world in the attempt to bring peace and relieve human suffering; and

Be it finally **RESOLVED**, that we encourage neighboring countries to provide places of refuge for exiled individuals and families, in the hope that these refugees may be resettled in their homeland soon.

152. Al Jackson moved the adoption of Resolution 7, and it was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7 -
ON HUMAN EMBRYONIC AND STEM CELL RESEARCH**

WHEREAS, Developments in human stem cell research have brought into fresh focus the dignity and status of the human embryo; and

WHEREAS, The National Bioethics Advisory Commission has called for the removal of the ban on public funding of human embryo research; and

WHEREAS, The Bible teaches that human beings are made in the image and likeness of God (Gen. 1:27; 9:6) and protectable human life begins at fertilization; and

WHEREAS, Efforts to rescind the ban on public funding of human embryo research rely on a crass utilitarian ethic which would sacrifice the lives of the few for the benefits of the many; and

WHEREAS, Current law against federal funding of research in which human embryos are harmed and/or destroyed reflects well-established national and international legal and ethical norms against misusing any human being for research purposes; and

WHEREAS, The existing law forbidding public funding of human embryo research is built upon universally held principles governing experiments on human subjects, including principles contained in the Nuremberg Code, the World Medical Association's Declaration of Helsinki, the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, and other statements; and

WHEREAS, The use of human embryos in research would likely lead to an increase in the number of abortions and create a market for aborted embryos and other fetal tissues; and

WHEREAS, Some forms of human stem cell research require the destruction of human embryos in order to obtain the cells for such research and Southern Baptists are on record for their decades-long opposition to abortion except to save the physical life of the mother and their opposition to destructive human embryo research; and

WHEREAS, Exciting advances in human stem cell research are on the horizon which do not require the destruction of embryos, leading the *British Medical Journal* to state that the use of human embryonic stem cells "may soon be eclipsed by the more readily available and less controversial adult stem cells;" and

WHEREAS, Treatments for Alzheimer's, diabetes, Parkinson's disease, and a host of maladies may soon be within our reach without sacrificing human embryos.

Be it RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, June 15-16, 1999, reaffirm our vigorous opposition to the destruction of innocent human life, including the destruction of human embryos; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we call upon the United States Congress to maintain the existing ban on the use of tax dollars to support research which requires the destruction of human embryos; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we call upon those private research centers which perform such experiments to cease and desist from research which destroys human embryos, the most vulnerable members of the human community; and

Be it finally RESOLVED, that we encourage support for the development of alternative treatments which do not require human embryos to be killed.

153. Al Jackson moved the adoption of Resolution 8, and it was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8 -
ON CHANNEL ONE**

WHEREAS, The nurture of children is the most important calling of the family, deserving the support of society; and

WHEREAS, Popular culture increasingly bombards impressionable children with images of sex and violence; and

WHEREAS, Those images of sex and violence are generally communicated through movies, music, video games, and television; and

WHEREAS, Schools have traditionally been a refuge from some of the noxious influences of our culture, especially from the marketing strategies of purveyors of popular culture; and

WHEREAS, State compulsory attendance laws compel children to attend schools; and

WHEREAS, Approximately eight million students, grades 6-12, are forced to watch the Channel One Network, a daily twelve-minute television program, containing advertising targeting those age groups; and

WHEREAS, Channel One advertising includes promotion of junk foods; chat rooms and "Personal Ads" message boards; movies such as Eddie Murphy's *Holy Man* and Adam Sandler's *The Water Boy*, both of which are age-inappropriate for the students who see these ads; movies with sexually suggestive content such as *Never Been Kissed*; movies with ultra-violent themes such as *The Mummy* and *Quest*; television shows like Stephen King's *The Shining* and *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*; sexualized magazines like *Seventeen*; and has broadcast the music of groups known for their violent and sexually explicit lyrics such as the satanic rock band, Marilyn Manson; and

WHEREAS, The use of the classroom for advertisement confers legitimacy on and is a tacit endorsement of the products, movies, programs and music advertised on Channel One; and

WHEREAS, In most cases Channel One is shown to children without the knowledge or consent of their parents; and

WHEREAS, Channel One consumes one hour per week of schools' instructional time, the content over which classroom teachers, school administrators, and community leaders have no control.

Be it therefore RESOLVED that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, June 15-16, 1999, find the advertising and commercial use of Channel One unfortunate and an erroneous educational strategy; and

Be it further RESOLVED that we urge parents to investigate whether their children's schools are using Channel One and to seek effective ways to protect their children from the advertising assault of the network; and

Be it further RESOLVED that we call on school administrators and community leaders to work to remove Channel One from their school districts; and

Be it finally RESOLVED that we implore schools that decide to maintain a contract with Channel One to show the program only to children whose parents have given fully informed consent in writing.

154. Al Jackson moved the adoption of Resolution 9. Lorraine Simms (VA) moved that the remainder of the resolutions be voted on in block. Chair ruled her out of order at that time. Resolution 9 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9 -
ON YOUTH AND VIOLENCE IN THE MEDIA**

WHEREAS, We live in a despair-soaked culture fixated on death replete with horrifically realistic and vicious computer games, new music genres such as death metal and shock rock, and Internet web sites with malignant content offering the means for the acting out of hate-filled behavior and destruction; and

WHEREAS, The typical American child watches 28 hours of television a week, and by the age of 18, will have seen portrayed 16,000 murders and 200,000 acts of violence; and

WHEREAS, The advent of video-cassette sales and rentals, pay-per-view TV, cable TV, video games, and online interactive media provides young people greater access to media with violent content than ever before; and

WHEREAS, It recently has been reported that exposure to television violence is strongly correlated with aggressive behavior, creates a desensitization to anti-social behavior, and fosters a climate of unhealthy fear; and

WHEREAS, The majority of all entertainment programming contains violence and the perpetrators of violence go unpunished in 73% of these violent scenes; and

WHEREAS, Research studies prove the harmful influence of violence and sex in the media on young people at susceptible stages of cognitive development, and that violence in video games, television, and films increases the incidence of violent, aggressive behavior in society, particularly among children, teenagers, and young adults; and

WHEREAS, A steady diet of media-borne violence over time teaches young people that violence is society's accepted means to handle conflict, and alters a developing brain's anatomy and chemistry in ways that inhibit learning, concentration, attachment, and empathy, changes which can predispose children to impulsive violence later in life; and

WHEREAS, We have seen the impact of unchecked violence in the media contribute to tragedies both in public school shootings and the rampant violence in America's inner cities; and

WHEREAS, Fifty-five percent of those arrested for murder are under the age of 25, fifty percent of murder victims are between 15 and 34 years old, and one-third of all the violent crimes reported in the U.S. are committed by individuals under the age of 21; and

WHEREAS, While we strive to protect our children from alcohol and other drugs, premarital sex, and other dangers, our children very often are allowed unfettered access to and consumption of degrading entertainment that devalues the preciousness of human life.

Be it therefore RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, June 15-16, 1999, encourage parents to communicate clear standards of biblical morality to their children, monitor the TV viewing, movie and video purchases and rentals, and seek to build within their families a strong faith, core values and an understanding of the Truth to protect them from the culture's destructive and pernicious influences; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we encourage all Christians to explore ways to identify and influence young people who are at risk and evidence anti-social behavior; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we exercise discernment in our selections of entertainment, acknowledge our personal responsibility before the Lord to "change the channel" on violent and destructive entertainment, and in doing so serve as a positive role model in our own choices of entertainment, noting the wisdom of Psalm 101:3, that we should "set no worthless thing before [our] eyes;" and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we challenge our Southern Baptist children and youth to become media-wise, exercise discernment in their selections of entertainment in acknowledging that "bad company corrupts good character" (1 Cor. 15:33), base their viewing and listening habits on biblical values, utilize critical listening and viewing skills, refuse to play violent video games, and seek to be positive and uncompromising Christian witnesses to their peers; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we express our outrage with an entertainment industry which promotes and glorifies violence, sexual promiscuity and other forms of immorality; and that we call upon the creators of movies, TV programs, musical recordings, and video games to accept responsibility for the often destructive impact of their products on young, vulnerable and impressionable minds; to exercise restraint in the depiction of violence, immoral sexual conduct, the use of offensive language and lyrics; and to produce movies, TV shows and other forms of entertainment which are morally wholesome and family-oriented; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we extend our appreciation to those within the entertainment industry who produce wholesome entertainment that affirms godly standards of morality; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we call upon owners and operators of movie theaters, music stores, and video retail and rental outlets to strictly enforce movie and music rating restrictions; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we encourage the enactment of legislation to combat youth violence, to protect children and youth from violent crime in the public schools, to assist parents by making lyrics available for their review in music stores, and to restrict the availability of sexually explicit or violent material to the greatest possible extent; and

Be it finally **RESOLVED**, that we call upon Southern Baptists to take seriously the command of Christ to be salt and light in the world, to impact the culture for righteousness and to teach biblical principles to children and youth so as to equip them to make God-honoring choices.

155. Lorraine Simms (VA) moved that Resolutions 10-14 be voted on in block. Bob Lilly (MD) opposed the motion. Motion failed.
156. Al Jackson moved the adoption of Resolution 10. Norman Cates (FL) asked for recall of Resolution 6. Chair ruled Cates out of order at that time. Wiley Drake moved to amend Resolution 10. Gerald Harris (GA), Resolution Committee member, spoke against the amendment. Timothy Faber (MO) spoke in favor of the amendment. Ken Holcombe (SC) spoke against the amendment. Bill Devine (CA) spoke in favor of the amendment. A. J. Smith (KY) spoke against the amendment. David Urban (IL) spoke for the amendment.

Motion to amend passed. Resolution 10 was adopted as amended.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10 -
ON PUBLIC DISCOURSE AND THE FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION**

WHEREAS, We are deeply concerned about the moral direction of American culture and particularly troubled about the moral climate in which our nation's young people are being nurtured; and

WHEREAS, There is in our culture a climate of growing and pervasive hostility toward religion in the media, the entertainment industry, the courts, the political system, and the system of public education; and

WHEREAS, Our nation's founders adopted the view embedded in our Constitution that the free exercise of religion should flourish in our land and that religious views in public discourse should be encouraged; and

WHEREAS, While many Supreme Court decisions have diminished the opportunity for the free exercise of religion in the public square, there are other decisions which protect the free exercise of religion, such as that of *Zorach v. Clauson*, which protects programs of released time for religious instruction; and

WHEREAS, It is the duty of government to accommodate itself to the free exercise of religion to the greatest practical extent.

Therefore, be it RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, June 15-16, 1999, work to reverse the trend of hostility toward religion by encouraging the keepers of the public trust to treat with openness and respect the expression of deeply held religious beliefs; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we ask our President and Congress to help reverse the trends of hostility toward religion by passing laws that place no greater limitation or restrictions on religious assemblies or institutions than non-religious, that create similar impacts on land use; and

Be it finally RESOLVED, that we encourage our individual members to work toward policies and programs in our public schools which provide greater opportunity for the free exercise of religion in general, and greater opportunities for religious instruction in particular, in a manner consistent with the principles embedded in *The Baptist Faith and Message* on "Religious Liberty" which reflect historic Baptist belief.

157. Lee Porter reported the result of the ballot on Drake's amendment (Items 148-149) to Resolution 4: 3,629 ballots were cast: 2,316 Yes, 1,313 No. Amendment to Resolution carried. Resolution 4 was adopted as amended.

**RESOLUTION NO. 4 -
ON PRESIDENT CLINTON'S
GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE MONTH PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has proclaimed the month of June in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-nine as Gay and Lesbian Pride Month; and

WHEREAS, The President's proclamation not only calls on Americans to show tolerance toward the practice of homosexual and lesbian sexual activity in our country, but to affirm, celebrate, and glorify such practices; and

WHEREAS, The Bible clearly teaches that homosexual behavior is an abomination and shameful before God; and

WHEREAS, The President's proclamation calls upon Americans to endorse, honor, and celebrate such abominable behavior which is for millions of Americans an offense to their sensibilities and an affront to their religious heritage and convictions; and

WHEREAS, The President has called on citizens in every corner of our nation to violate historic religious beliefs and their own consciences, in order to embrace and extol that which the Bible condemns; and

WHEREAS, God loves and calls on us to love all people, regardless of the condition of their hearts or the sinfulness of their lives; and

WHEREAS, God's love requires us to discipline and rebuke as a necessary component of exhortation and encouragement.

Therefore be it RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, on June 15-16, 1999, proclaim our love for our President and our love for people enslaved in sins of all types, including homosexual sins; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that our love for our President compels us to rebuke him and publicly to deplore his most public endorsement of that which is contrary to the Word of God and of that which places millions of citizens in the untenable position of either denying a presidential proclamation or rejecting their own deeply-held religious convictions; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that because of these deeply-held religious convictions we call on our President to rescind his appointment of an openly professed homosexual as U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg.

Be it further RESOLVED, that we ourselves do hereby proclaim that the same Jesus who was crucified, was buried, and was raised from the dead on the third day, so that whosoever believes in him should not perish but should have eternal life, is the one through whom we might receive forgiveness and release from the bondage of sin; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that the forgiveness of and freedom from sin offered by Jesus Christ includes forgiveness of and freedom from homosexuality; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we publicly denounce and deplore all violent attacks upon homosexuals, and that we express our abhorrence of the teaching that God hates any person on account of an immoral lifestyle; and

Be it finally RESOLVED, that as we express great gratitude to our Lord Jesus Christ for His forgiveness, we hereby call upon the President to rescind his proclamation endorsing homosexuality.

158. Norm Cates (FL) made a motion to reconsider Resolution 6. Motion seconded. Cates spoke for his motion. Greg DeMarco (NM), Resolutions Committee member, spoke against reconsideration. Motion to reconsider failed.
159. The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission report was presented by Richard D. Land (TN), president. Steven Wright (TX), chairman, ERLC Board of Trustees, was recognized to present a special award to Richard D. Land. Land's report included an emphasis on World Hunger Fund initiatives. He also stated that Southern Baptists refuse to be silent in the public square. Rudy Yakym (IN) spoke in favor of the report and of Richard D. Land. Chris Keathly (TX) asked a question about including tobacco in list of abused drugs. Land responded.

160. Evangelizing International Cities was presented by Nilson Fanini (VA), president, Baptist World Alliance, McLean.
161. President Paige Patterson announced the election of registration secretary.
162. Mike Tignor (TX) nominated Lee Porter for registration secretary.
163. Tom Atwood (MS) nominated Teresa Norris (CO) for registration secretary.
164. The president called on John L. Yeats, recording secretary, to instruct the Convention on the ballot for registration secretary.
165. Tommy C. French, Jr. (LA), chairman, presented the Committee on Committees report, and moved its adoption. The report was adopted.

Alabama

Jerry Grandstaff
Dothan, AL
Southside Baptist Church
Dothan, AL

- * Connie Hudgins
Hokes Bluff, AL
First Baptist Church
Hokes Bluff, AL

Alaska

Doug Edwards
Ketchikan, AK
First Baptist Church
Ketchikan, AK

- * Frank (Bud) Senko
Soldotna, AK
First Baptist Church
Soldotna, AK

Arizona

Jerry R. Bowling
Phoenix, AZ
Hillside Southern Baptist Church
Phoenix, AZ

- * Tilly Martinez
Tucson, AZ
First Southern Baptist Church
Tucson, AZ

Arkansas

Geoffrey A. Hammond
Springdale, AR
First Baptist Church
Springdale, AR

- * Scott Spakes
Benton, AR
First Southern Baptist Church
Bryant, AR

California

Tony Crisp
San Diego, CA
First Southern Baptist Church
San Diego, CA

- * Ron Pierson
Thousand Oaks, CA
First Baptist Church
Thousand Oaks, CA

Colorado

* Charla Johnson
Aurora, CO
Trinity Baptist Church
Aurora, CO

John D. Talbert
Denver, CO
First Southern Baptist Church
Northglenn, CO

District of Columbia

James L. Burcham
Upper Marlboro, MD
First Baptist Church
Upper Marlboro, MD

- * Sebastian J. Traeger
Washington, DC
Capitol Hill Baptist Church
Washington, DC

Florida

John L. Cross
North Port, FL
South Biscayne Baptist Church
North Port, FL

- * Thomas Michelson
Jacksonville, FL
First Baptist Church
Jacksonville, FL

Georgia

Charles E. Pharis
Canton, GA
First Baptist Church of
Chattahoochee
Atlanta, GA

- * Nancy Schaefer
Clarkesville, GA
Bethlehem Baptist Church
Clarkesville, GA

Hawaii

* Cindy Sagawa
Lana'i City, HI
Lana'i Baptist Chapel
Lana'i City, HI

Richard C. Smith
Wailuku, HI
Wailuku Baptist Church
Wailuku, HI

Illinois

Ron Maharrey
Woodlawn, IL
First Baptist Church
Woodlawn, IL

- * Larry Miller
Thompsonville, IL
First Baptist Church
Thompsonville, IL

Indiana

* Sheila A. Lightfoot
Batesville, IN
Batesville Baptist Church
Batesville, IN

Gary L. Stump
Indianapolis, IN
Arlington Ave. Baptist Church
Indianapolis, IN

Kansas-Nebraska

Robert Hartmann
Wichita, KS
Sharon Baptist Church
Wichita, KS

- * Robert VanHorn
Newton, KS
Immanuel Baptist Church
Newton, KS

Kentucky

* Donald W. Rightmyer
Danville, KY
First Baptist Church
Danville, KY

Roger D. Skipworth
Elkton, KY
Sharon Grove Baptist Church
Elkton, KY

Louisiana

* Walter W. Aertker
Baton Rouge, LA
CrossPoint Baptist Church
Baton Rouge, LA

Ernie James Yocum, Jr.
Bastrop, LA
Westside Baptist Church
Bastrop, LA

Maryland-Delaware

- * Priscille Anne Kittle
Westminster, MD
Northwest Baptist Church
Reisterstown, MD
- Harold M. Phillips
Rising Sun, MD
Pleasant View Baptist Church
Port Deposit, MD

Michigan

- Tony L. Lynn
Ida, MI
Dundee Baptist Church
Dundee, MI
- * Randy Pearman
Niles, MI
Bethel Baptist Church
Niles, MI

Mississippi

- * Jim Brown
Olive Branch, MS
Trinity Baptist Church
Southaven, MS
- Richard Johnson
Corinth, MS
Tate Baptist Church
Corinth, MS

Missouri

- * Kent W. Cochran
Kansas City, MO
First Baptist Church
Raytown, MO
- Michael L. Green
Republic, MO
Calvary Baptist Church
Republic, MO

Nevada

- * Bill J. Stevenson
Henderson, NV
Green Valley Baptist Church
Henderson, NV
- James E. Hancock
Winnemucca, NV
Grass Valley Baptist Church
Winnemucca, NV

New England

- * David Ford
Claremont, NH
Connecticut River Baptist
Church
Claremont, NH
- David A. Pouchot
Belfast, ME
Little River Baptist Church
Belfast, ME

New Mexico

- Joel H. Horne
Clovis, NM
First Baptist Church
Clovis, NM
- * R. Keith Treece
Albuquerque, NM
Eastern Hills Baptist Church
Albuquerque, NM

New York

- * L. Kay MacVicar
Clark, NJ
Terrill Road Baptist Church
Scotch Plains, NJ
- Sam Macri
Clinton, NY
Clinton Road Baptist Church
New Hartford, NY

North Carolina

- * M. Durwood Edwards
Wilmington, NC
Long Leaf Baptist Church
Wilmington, NC
- James S. Sells
Morganton, NC
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church
Morganton, NC

Northwest

- Ioan (John) Brisc
Camas, WA
Romanian Baptist Church
Portland, OR
- * David McBee
North Bend, WA
Mountain View Baptist Church
North Bend, WA

Ohio

- Don Samples
Orrville, OH
Orrville Baptist Church
Orrville, OH
- * Dave Tackett
Mason, OH
Lokota Hills Baptist Church
West Chester, OH

Oklahoma

- Jim Cunningham
Claremore, OK
Hilldale Baptist Church
Claremore, OK
- * Paul Randolph
Edmond, OK
Waterloo Road Baptist Church
Edmond, OK

Pennsylvania-South Jersey

- * Christine Shirley Albright
Sellarsville, PA
North Penn Baptist Church
Souderton, PA
- William J. Scott, Jr.
Philadelphia, PA
Faith Canaan Baptist Church
Philadelphia, PA

South Carolina

- James L. Oliver
Roebuck, SC
Bethlehem Baptist Church
Roebuck, SC
- * Forrest M. Whittington
Florence, SC
Immanuel Baptist Church
Florence, SC

Tennessee

- Roger S. Oldham
Martin, TN
First Baptist Church
Martin, TN
- * Rebecca Powell
Nashville, TN
Parkway Baptist Church
Goodlettsville, TN

Texas

- David E. Fannin, **Chairman**
Houston, TX
Nassau Bay Baptist Church
Houston, TX
- * William G. Streich
Wichita Falls, TX
First Baptist Church
Wichita Falls, TX

Utah-Idaho

- Robin Davies
Hurricane, UT
First Southern Baptist Church
Hurricane, UT
- * Jerri Gilman
Pocatello, ID
Gate City Baptist Church
Pocatello, ID

Virginia

- Rodney Autry
Manassas, VA
Emmanuel Baptist Church
Manassas, VA
- * Barbara Caldwell
Appomattox, VA
Liberty Baptist Church
Appomattox, VA

West Virginia

- * Glenda F. Cook
Crab Orchard, WV
Memorial Baptist Church
Beckley, WV
- Robert K. Owens
Old Fields, WV
Old Fields Baptist Church
Old Fields, WV

Wyoming

- * Jean Brown
Casper, WY
First Southern Baptist Church
Casper, WY
- David Gray Wells
Riverton, WY
Hillwood Baptist Church
Riverton, WY

- 166.** O.S. Hawkins (TX), president and chief executive officer, Dallas, presented the Annuity Board report. Hawkins challenged the Convention to: (1) adopt an annuitant; and (2) take responsibility for your life and resources. Jerry Vines (FL) spoke a word of encouragement to Hawkins. Dan Chandler (AL) raised questions about medical insurance. Matthew Sickling (KY) raised a question about medical insurance.
- 167.** John L. Yeats reported the result of the vote for registration secretary. 3,556 ballots were cast: 2,205 Porter, 1,351 Norris.
- 168.** President Paige Patterson declared Lee Porter as registration secretary.
- 169.** Congregational praise and worship was led by Joe Carroll (TX), minister to senior adults, Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin.
- 170.** Charles Page (NC) was recognized to read Scripture.
- 171.** The Convention sermon was given by Ralph Smith (TX), pastor emeritus, Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin.
- 172.** The benediction was given by Jerry Falwell (VA), chancellor, Liberty University, senior pastor, Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg.

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173. The Celebration Choir & Orchestra of First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Georgia, presented a concert of praise, directed by Scott C. White (GA).
174. Lloyd Carrera (VA), deaf congregation, First Baptist Church, Alexandria, led in prayer.
175. Mike Hand (OK), Committee on Order of Business member, reported that the scheduled business for this time was no longer necessary due to previous action. Hand made a motion, with the approval of the originator, to withdraw the motions scheduled for this time (Drake Items 19, 25, and 52) and it was carried.
176. Chairman Whitten moved for the election of the 2000 Convention sermon preacher, alternate, and music director as follows: Bailey Smith (GA) as sermon preacher, Bobby Welch (FL) as alternate sermon preacher, and Scott C. White (GA) as music leader. Motion carried.
177. President Paige Patterson recognized Reggie White (TN), minister, Future National Football League Hall of Famer, Knoxville, who gave his testimony.
178. Joel Allen led in congregational praise and singing.
179. Marvin C. Clarke (NE), Committee on Order of Business member, stated that no business was necessary because all previous business was completed.
180. A theme interpretation entitled "*He beheld the city and wept*" was given by Dennis Rainey (AR), executive director, FamilyLife, Little Rock.
181. Al Jackson moved the adoption of Resolution 11. Bob Lilly (MD) moved to amend the resolution. Motion was seconded. After the committee agreed to the amendment, motion to amend carried. Resolution 11 was adopted as amended.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11 -
ON PRAYER FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS**

WHEREAS, Our nation continues to give evidence of moral decline; and

WHEREAS, Some of our elected leaders have demonstrated a deficiency of biblical values; and

WHEREAS, The Bible instructs that Israel's downfall was brought about when her kings and leaders turned from God; and

WHEREAS, Our nation desperately needs to turn back to God; and

WHEREAS, The Bible affirms that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Ps. 33:12).

Therefore, be it RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, June 15-16, 1999, encourage all Southern Baptists to pray earnestly for our elected officials as exhorted in I Timothy 2:1-3; and

Be it finally RESOLVED, that we encourage all who claim Jesus Christ as Lord to put feet to their prayers and exercise their right and vote.

182. Al Jackson moved the adoption of Resolution 12. Mike Routt (KY) moved to amend the resolution. Motion to amend was ruled out of order. Resolution 12 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12 -
ON CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, In our free society, American families and churches face competing worldviews; and

WHEREAS, Many secular worldviews are in opposition to the truths of God's Word; and

WHEREAS, Our children and youth are exposed to such secular worldviews through our nation's institutions, media, and humanistic curricula; and

WHEREAS, The Bible invests parents with the primary responsibility for the education of their children (Deuteronomy 6); and

WHEREAS, Parents and teachers need educational resources to instill a biblical worldview in the hearts and minds of future generations; and

WHEREAS, There is a critical need for additional teachers who are educated in a biblical worldview.

Therefore be it RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting June 15-16, 1999, in Atlanta, Georgia, commend LifeWay Christian Resources for its emphasis on Kingdom Education and the development of curricula designed to teach children and youth from a biblical perspective; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we commend those seminaries, colleges, and universities, which have addressed the need for educators trained to teach from a biblical worldview; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we appeal to all Southern Baptist churches to consider carefully how they can help meet this need by supporting educational programs that follow biblical principles, whether they are implemented in Christian, private, public, or home schools; and

Be it finally RESOLVED, that we urge churches to enter into and vigorously support education programs for children and youth that will provide biblically-based education.

183. Al Jackson moved the adoption of Resolution 13. Ray Coleman (GA) moved to amend the resolution. The Resolutions Committee agreed to the amendment and it was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13 -
ON CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, Many excellent public school personnel, including classroom teachers, administrators, and support staff adhere to and live by godly principles, and they maintain exemplary Christian testimonies, sometimes at great personal cost and often with very positive results, and

WHEREAS, Godly public school personnel are often the only adult representation of Jesus Christ and His redemptive love that students in public schools experience in their lives.

Be it therefore **RESOLVED**, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, June 15-16, 1999, enthusiastically affirm these individuals, support them, and pray for them and the places in which they serve

184. Al Jackson moved the adoption of Resolution 14, and it was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 14 -
ON APPRECIATION**

WHEREAS, The messengers of the 142nd annual meeting to the Southern Baptist Convention have enjoyed and appreciated the gracious hospitality of the people of Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptists of Atlanta and the state of Georgia have displayed tremendous leadership, planning, courtesies, services, and preparations for the Convention meeting; and

WHEREAS, The president, officers, various committees, and platform personnel have conducted the business and affairs of this year's meeting in a professional, efficient, and Christlike manner, while displaying dignity, insight, and Holy Spirit guidance.

Therefore, be it **RESOLVED**, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, June 15-16, 1999, express our profound and heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all those whose efforts have contributed to the gracious spirit, evangelistic impact, and overall testimony of this year's annual meeting.

185. Al Jackson moved the acceptance of the disposition of resolutions.

DISPOSITION SUBMITTED FROM THE FLOOR OF THE CONVENTION 1999

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| <p>1. On Elected Officials to Carry Out Their Constitutional Duties in a Moral and Ethical Manner
Randall E. Craft, Jr.
Mount Olive, MS
No Action</p> | <p>5. On Keeping and Bearing Arms
Wiley Drake
Buena Park, CA
No Action</p> |
| <p>2. On Gay Pride Month
Wiley Drake
Buena Park, CA
See RESOLUTION NO. 4</p> | <p>6. On Religious Freedom
Wiley Drake
Buena Park, CA
No Action</p> |
| <p>3. On 501(c)(3) Corporation Study
Wiley Drake
Buena Park, CA
No Action</p> | <p>7. On War in Kosovo
Wiley Drake
Buena Park, CA
No Action</p> |
| <p>4. On Anti-Christian Legislation
Wiley Drake
Buena Park, CA
No Action</p> | <p>8. On Luxembourg Appointee
Wiley Drake
Buena Park, CA
No Action</p> |

- 9. Against Pedophilia**
Wiley Drake
Buena Park, CA
See RESOLUTION NO. 5
- 10. On Prayer in School**
Wiley Drake
Buena Park, CA
No Action
- 11. On Rejection of National Gay and Lesbian Month**
Robert Cusanelli
Aliceeville, AL
See RESOLUTION NO. 4
- 12. On the New Age**
Pierce Dodson
Lebanon, TN
No Action
- 13. On Organ Donation**
Ben Chandler
Scottsboro, AL
No Action
- 14. On Christian Schools**
David Baker
Belton, MO
See RESOLUTION NO. 12
- 15. On Christian Schools**
David Baker
Belton, MO
See RESOLUTION NO. 12
- 16. On Christian Schools**
David Baker
Belton, MO
See RESOLUTION NO. 12
- 17. On Human Embryonic and Stem Cell Research**
H. Clayton Anthony
Louisville, KY
See RESOLUTION NO. 7
- 18. On Poverty and the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund**
Michael A. Pennington
Hendersonville, TN
No Action
- 19. On Child Sexual Abuse**
Kenneth R. Barnett
Lakewood, CO
See RESOLUTION NO. 5
- 20. On Christian Released Time**
Kenneth G. Holcombe
Easley, SC
See RESOLUTION NO. 10
- 21. On Public Education**
Dean Finley
Springfield, MO
See RESOLUTION NO. 13
- 22. On Keeping Cherished Freedoms in Israel**
Gustave Elowitz
Houston, TX
No Action
- 23. On Renaming Easter**
Gustave Elowitz
Houston, TX
No Action
- 24. On Reasonable Evangelism**
Gustave Elowitz
Houston, TX
See RESOLUTION NO. 1
- 25. To Put God Back in the Schools**
Douglas R. Clark, II
Bartlett, TN
See RESOLUTION NO. 3 & 10
- 26. On Prayer For and Election of Godly Leaders**
Bob Lilly
Baltimore, MD
See RESOLUTION NO. 11
- 27. On Pertaining to Reaching Students on Secondary School Campuses and School Violence**
Jon Dorsey
Louisburg, NC
See RESOLUTION NO. 3
- 28. On the Power and Knowledge of God**
R. Albert Mohler, Jr.
Louisville, KY
See RESOLUTION NO. 2
- 29. On the Autonomy of the Local Church**
Charles F. Winters
North Little Rock, AR
No Action

186. President Paige Patterson recognized former SBC presidents by introducing a video presentation honoring our former SBC presidents. Former presidents and wives who were welcomed to the platform are as follows: Dr. and Mrs. Morris H. Chapman, Dr. and Mrs. Adrian Rogers, Dr. and Mrs. Tom Elliff, Dr. Charles Stanley, Dr. and Mrs. Jimmy Draper, and Dr. and Mrs. Jim Henry.
187. Dr. Paige Patterson recognized Morris H. Chapman to honor SBC outgoing officers as follows: Dr. & Mrs. Rick Ferguson (CO), and Dr. and Mrs. Mike Gray (UT).
188. Morris H. Chapman introduced the newly elected officers of the Southern Baptist Convention as follows: Dr. and Mrs. Paige Patterson and their son, Armour, Dr. and Mrs. D. Franklin Cox, Dr. Jerry L. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Yeats, and Dr. Lee Porter.
189. The Celebration Choir & Orchestra of First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Georgia, presented a concert of praise, directed by Scott C. White.
190. President Paige Patterson recognized Bill Sutton (TX), chairman of the board, International Mission Board. Sutton introduced Jerry A. Rankin (VA), president, International Mission Board, for the report.
191. An International Mission Board presentation by Jerry A. Rankin (VA), was highlighted by banner, choral, video, and missionary testimonies.
192. Junior Hill (AL), evangelist, Hartselle, gave the closing Convention benediction.

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<u>State</u>	<u>Number of Messengers</u>	<u>Percent of Messengers</u>	<u>Rank (1-25)</u>	<u>Churches with Messengers</u>
Alabama	820	7.06	6	368
Alaska	19	.16		9
Arizona	36	.31	24	19
Arkansas	298	2.57	12	140
California	99	.85	18	49
Colorado	47	.40	23	17
Connecticut	8	.07		1
Delaware	1	.01		1
District of Columbia	6	.05		3
Florida	875	7.54	4	357
Georgia	2,150	18.52	1	713
Hawaii	11	.09		8
Idaho	5	.04		3
Illinois	211	1.82	15	93
Indiana	105	.90	17	50
Iowa	15	.13		8
Kansas	70	.60	20	28
Kentucky	554	4.77	9	245
Louisiana	337	2.90	11	144
Maine	6	.05		3
Maryland	87	.75	19	57
Massachusetts	7	.06		5
Michigan	28	.24		15
Minnesota	5	.04		4
Mississippi	585	5.04	8	263
Missouri	293	2.52	13	129
Montana	7	.06		4
Nebraska	7	.06		4
Nevada	21	.18		11
New Hampshire	5	.04		3
New Jersey	14	.12		10
New Mexico	33	.28		16
New York	56	.48	22	30
North Carolina	1,214	10.46	2	532
North Dakota	0	.00		0
Ohio	176	1.52	16	78
Oklahoma	222	1.91	14	102
Oregon	5	.04		2
Pennsylvania	34	.29	25	16
Puerto Rico	0	.00		0
Rhode Island	0	.00		0
South Carolina	847	7.30	5	399
South Dakota	1	.01		1
Tennessee	1,065	9.17	3	429
Texas	595	5.13	7	266
Utah	15	.13		6
Vermont	0	.00		0
Virginia	527	4.54	10	207
Washington	3	.03		2
West Virginia	69	.59	21	35
Wisconsin	6	.05		3
Wyoming	8	.07		5
TOTAL	11,608	100.00		4,893